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COMBAT BARBIE TO TAKE UP THE PEN

Our Miss England returns home to share plans for her next conquest

EXCLUSIVE

By JENNA PUDELEK

A MODEL soldier has revealed she is planning to write a book telling her life story – at the age of just 22.

Corporal Katrina Hodge, who is from Tunbridge Wells, is set to pen an autobiographical account of her life in the Army and her adventures as a beauty queen.

She will write about her struggle to be accepted in the macho world of the military and then taking on highly-trained beauty contestants to be crowned Miss England and represent her country at the Miss World finals.

Cpl Hodge talked about taking part in the glamourous event, about her love-life and her plans for the future in an exclusive interview with this newspaper this week.

The non-commissioned officer, dubbed Combat Barbie by colleagues due to her love of the colour pink, had originally come runner-up in the Miss England finals last summer.

But she was drafted in at the last minute to take the crown after Rachel Christie, the niece of former sprint champion Linford Christie, decided to stand down after being involved in an alleged nightclub brawl.

Cpl Hodge, who went to Hillview School for Girls in Tonbridge, was given just 24 hours notice before jetting out to South Africa to compete in the Miss World contest in December.

She was given five weeks leave by Army chiefs to represent her country, but has since been granted eight months unpaid leave to fulfill her commitments as Miss England.

This week she made a flying visit to her home town to have hair extensions at the SW1 salon in Tunbridge Wells. During the visit she spoke about the flood of lucrative offers that have landed at her feet since she took the Miss England crown.

Cpl Hodge recently signed a £22,000 contract to be the face of the website Uniform Dating, which aims to hook up members of the Armed Forces and emergency services.

She admitted to dating a man in uniform herself – a fellow soldier, who is "really proud" of her foray into beauty pageants, but said she wants to keep the relationship under wraps.

In between jetting off to engagements in Rome, Dubai, South Africa and across England, she is fronting high-street lingerie store La Senza's latest campaign offering a discount to servicemen and women, which recently involved a Valentine's Day shoot.

The busy beauty queen is also bringing out her autobiography in September, fulfilling her lucrative modelling deals and doing ongoing charity work with the Help for Heroes charity, which supports injured servicemen and women.

"The book is about how I got to where I am," she said. "It is to encourage girls to do what they want in life. People told me I could not be in the Army or be a beauty queen, but I've

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Do you Knole what Ronnie's up to?

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NEWS

- Farmers call for action to curb the rapidly increasing wild boar population that is threatening their livelihoods.
- The regional final of an a national schools debating competition will be held in Tunbridge Wells this week – with a Tonbridge school gunning for the title.

SPORT

- Tonbridge Angels have played down rumours that they are to be taken over by a secret investor. The Angels have this week been the subject of a £500,000 takeover, but it hasn't been taken seriously by the club after the mystery group posted it on a fans forum.

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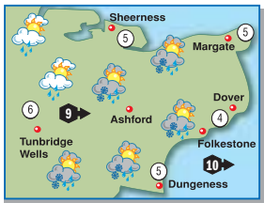

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Following a clear, frosty start, it will be bright with sunny spells and just the chance of a few wintry showers, mainly during the afternoon. A mostly fine evening but still with the chance of a shower. A gentle westerly breeze. Temperatures a touch below average. Max temp 3-6C (37-43F).

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Miss England drops by to see the hairdresser

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done both."

Asked if she thinks she is a good role model, she said: "I'd like to think I am. Girls look in magazines and see unrealistic role models who do not look like real women because they have been airbrushed.

"I think it's important for girls to have normal role models. There is a lot about Katie Price in the news at the moment, but I think there needs to be more realistic role models.

"I know I'm not the most beautiful girl in England or even in Tunbridge Wells, but they [beauty contests] are about personality as well."

Cpl Hodge, who was commended for bravery during a tour of Iraq, is adamant she will return to her job with the Surrey-based 1st Battalion Royal Anglican Regiment.

"This is a really great adventure and lots of fun, but I've got my job in the Army, which I do want to carry on doing," she said. "I'd like to carry on modelling too, who wrote the rule book saying you can't do both?

"Lots of people say they are two different worlds, but the Army is also about appearances and making sure your boots are polished and your uniform is smart."

She was officially presented with her Miss England crown at a ceremony last month in Surrey, but revealed she wishes she had won at the contest last July.

"I was second in the whole country and that was enough for me but I'm not going to lie, it would have been amazing to hear my name called out on stage," she said.

BEAUTY QUEEN: Corporal Katrina Hodge

Fears of cuts to beds for dementia sufferers

JOBS could be lost and dementia sufferers forced to travel long distances for treatment if beds are closed at a mental health centre as part of NHS budget cuts, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

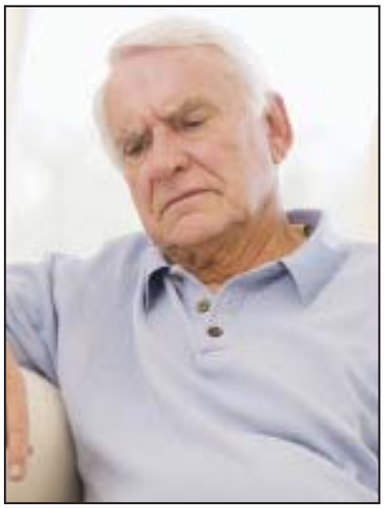
A group representing staff, patients and carers, called Friends of Highlands House, a mental health unit in Calverley Park Gardens, Tunbridge Wells, has written to the Health Secretary Andy Burnham calling on him to intervene.

They fear 49 beds – including ones used for dementia sufferers – will be shut at the centre from April as part of £2.9 million savings NHS West Kent must make.

This would result in 60 staff losing jobs, and patients and their carers having to travel to Maidstone or Dartford for treatment.

In the letter to the minister they said: "We are concerned with the speed of changes being proposed without consultation, and that this will result in loss of lives of elderly and frail people."

However, Kent and Medway NHS Social Care Partnership Trust, which provides mental health services across the county, said there were currently 13 beds at Highlands House, which primarily treats people with dementia, and that staff were being consulted about future changes.



STRESS: The consultation has made NHS staff fear for inpatient care of the elderly

A spokeswoman said: "NHS West Kent and the partnership trust are in discussions about improving efficiency to release savings of £2.9m agreed by the two organisations.

"One way of helping to achieve this saving is by looking at using inpatient older adults mental health beds more efficiently so the same service can be provided with fewer beds. Staff have been consulted about the possible changes and we regret any uncertainty or distress this may have caused to them and their patients."

NHS West Kent, the primary care trust covering the Tunbridge Wells, Sevenoaks and Tonbridge areas, said that discussions are ongoing with all organisations that provide services in west Kent to look at how savings can be made.

Steve Phoenix, the PCT's chief executive said: "NHS West Kent is committed to ensuring the health service can continue to deliver improvements despite the financial climate we face over the coming years.

"We have been in discussions with all provider organisations in our area for some time to ensure the NHS is equipped to deliver savings that can be invested back into the health service.

"Every responsible public sector organisation needs to review the way it delivers its services to ensure the best value for taxpayers and the best service for the public and we are committed to this agenda."

Nationally, the NHS is bracing itself for a gap between the demands of services and the level of funding available between 2011 and 2014.

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Knole House sets the scene for grizzly new black comedy film, Burke and Hare

Murderously entertaining

By JENNA PUDELEK
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COMEDY legend Ronnie Corbett was at a former royal residence this week shooting scenes for a gory new film about body snatchers.

The courtyard of Knole House in Sevenoaks was turned into a 19th century marketplace in Edinburgh for John Landis' black comedy based on the true story of famous murderers William Burke and William Hare.

It features the cream of British acting talent, with Shaun of the Dead star Simon Pegg as Burke and Andy Serkis, who recently scooped the best actor award at the Evening Standard film awards for his role as Ian Dury in the biopic Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll, as Hare.

Top comic talent Bill Bailey and the pint-sized Corbett of The Two Ronnies fame also star in the feature.

Excited staff at Knole have been watching the action since the star-studded cast arrived for four days of filming which ended on Wednesday.

Melissa Hirst, a spokeswoman for the National Trust, which maintains the house and its surrounding deer park in the centre of Sevenoaks, said: "It was incredible to see the stable courtyard at Knole transformed into a busy 19th century marketplace in Edinburgh – it was so realistic. Some interior filming also took place.

"The film crew spent four days filming at Knole and, although it was hard work, it was great fun to see how it works behind the scenes."

The horror-comedy is directed by American Landis, whose past work includes the classic American Werewolf in London, as well as Michael Jackson's Thriller video. It is due to be released at the end of this year.

Burke and Hare puts a comic twist on the exploits of the two murderers as they fall into the highly lucrative business of supplying corpses for the medical fraternity.

It is not the first time Knole has attracted celebrities and film crews.

In 1967, the vast 1,000-acre deer park that surrounds the historic house was used for filming the Beatles videos that accompanied the release of Penny Lane and Strawberry Fields Forever.

More recently it was used in The Other Boleyn Girl, which was released in 2008 and starred Scarlett Johansson and Natalie Portman, along with nearby Penshurst Place.

The house and grounds also inspired the writer Vita Sackville-West and friend and lover Virginia Wolf, whose novel Orlando draws on the history of the house.

Knole House was built in the 13th century, and Henry VII liked it so much he forced his Archbishop of Canterbury Thomas Cranmer to give it to him and made it his official country residence. Elizabeth I gave the house to the Sackville family as a gift in the early 17th century.

STAR: Hot Fuzz's Simon Pegg has been filming at Knole House, the grounds of which were used for filming two Beatles videos

Burglars steal medals

GONE: An MBE award was stolen

BURGLARS have raided the home of a former mayor – taking his MBE and mayoral regalia.

The distinctive items taken from David Kirby include mayor and mayoress medals from his time as Mayor of Tunbridge Wells.

The medals, which have great sentimental value, both show the borough's coat of arms.

One is on a blue ribbon and the other is on a chain. Both have an engraved piece marking the year of office 1987 to 1988.

Police appealed for information on Monday, following the burglary in Iden Green near Cranbrook, on January 24, between 5.45pm and 10.45pm.

As well as the MBE medal awarded to Mr Kirby, an engraved Tissot watch and a station style oak clock with the word Crowborough on the face were taken.

Detective Constable Graham Norman said: "The items are of great sentimental importance rather than high monetary value and of little use to anyone else.

"If anyone knows the whereabouts of the medals or is able to provide information about the incident I would be pleased to hear from them."

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 01732 379217, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Witness appeal

OFFICERS are looking for witnesses after an 81-year-old woman was killed when her car crashed in Sevenoaks High Street.

An inquest into the death of Eileen Curtis, of Pickford Lane in Ticehurst, was opened and adjourned on February 11.

Mrs Curtis was driving a blue Vauxhall Corsa which veered off the high street outside the Oak Tree pub and collided with roadside furniture, including a signpost and a bollard, on January 31, at around 8.15pm. She died in hospital on February 5.

Kent Police's serious collision investigation unit has appealed for anyone who saw the car in the area or who witnessed the incident to call 01622 798538.

Health warning

PRESSURE is building for manufacturers to be forced to put health warnings on bottles of alcohol.

The Royal College of Nursing has called for the cigarette-style warnings to become mandatory to reduce the burden of dealing with alcohol abuse on the NHS.

Binge-drinking and its impact on public health has been getting worse, with the latest research showing the health service in west Kent alone is spending more than £3 million a year dealing with alcohol abuse.

The college decided to call for a change in licensing laws due to the refusal of the drinks industry to introduce voluntary measures to curb Britain's booze culture.

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Tributes to mountain death tragedy Scout

STARK BEAUTY: The Cairngorm mountains in the Scottish Highlands

A TEENAGE Scout leader died falling into a mountain crevasse while on an organised trip to the Scottish Highlands, ***writes Anna White.***

Stephen Young, from Borough Green, near Sevenoaks, was taking part in an annual Scout trip to the Cairngorms when he stepped onto a shelf of snow and plummeted into the void below on Monday.

The 18-year-old was airlifted to a hospital in Fort William from the 3,701ft high cliff circuit on Creag Meagaidh, but was pronounced dead on arrival.

In a statement, Stephen's mother Judy Young, who was also on the trip with her brother Andrew, 46, said: "He meant the world to his whole family and we feel truly blessed to have known him for 18 years.

"Stephen was a unique young man who has clearly touched the lives of so many people. He did everything with enthusiasm and lived life to the full.

"Stephen, you have left a hole in my life that can never be filled. I am the proudest mum in the world and I will love you for ever."

Stephen's grandfather James Young, 70, said: "It's a complete and utter disaster – an awful blow. He was only 18. I can't believe it's happened, it's absolutely horrendous.

"He was very active with the Scouts, very outgoing. These things happen, I'm afraid. At least he died doing something he loved."

Stephen had been in the Scouting movement from the age of six and made headlines in 2007 when he raised nearly £2,500 for Demelza children's hospice by camping out in his garden for a whole year.

Simon Carter of the Scout Association paid tribute to Stephen's "sheer zest for life" and said his desire to help others will be sadly missed.

"Stephen was part of an experienced, all-adult group in Cairngorms as part of their annual trip to the region to expand their winter hill-walking skills," Mr Carter said.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Stephen's family and friends at this very sad time."

Since the teenager's death more than 2,100 members have joined a dedicated group on Facebook, where hundreds of messages and memories have been posted.

One reads: "Scouting events won't be the same without you around, mate. Ever since you were born you were a funny, likeable, intelligent and decent bloke. Your mum should be rightly proud of you and your achievements."

The wealth of love shown for the youngster on the site has left Ms Young overwhelmed.

She said: "It's clear from the many messages I've received and those dedicated to him on Facebook that he had many friends.

"I can't believe so many people knew my son. God bless you all for your thoughts and memories. I' ll hold them close."

STEPHEN YOUNG: 'Sheer zest for life'

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Old Tyme Music Hall invitation

A VICTORIAN-style music hall event will be staged by a group of amateur actors to raise funds for good causes.

The Pantiles Players will perform at Salomons Victorian theatre, Tunbridge Wells, in aid of local charities the Pickering drop-in centre and Hospice in the Weald.

A sausage and mash supper will be served before an Old Tyme Music Hall show.

The Players, formed in 1942 to provide wartime entertainment, were recently forced to cancel shows on the Pantiles due to noise from revellers outside the pubs and restaurants lining the parade.

From this July, after 58 years at the Pantiles, the group will transfer its open-air summer productions to Salomons.

The charity performances will take place on Saturday and Sunday, March 20 and 21, from 7pm. Tickets cost £21.50 and include the price of the two-course meal.

Book on 01892 534341. For more information, visit www.thepantilesplayers.co.uk.

Lead raid arrests

A TEENAGER has been charged with attempted theft after three people were seen taking lead from a pub roof.

A passer-by called police to report that lead was being stolen from a flat roof at the King William in Hastings Road, Pembury, on Friday, February 12, at about 8.30pm.

Officers arrested two teenagers and are trying to trace a third person. A 15-year-old was given police bail pending further investigation.

An 18-year-old from Tunbridge Wells was charged with attempted theft and bailed to appear before Sevenoaks Magistrates Court on March 3.

Powder Mill jobs on line in Glaxo's R&D cutbacks

DRUGS giant GlaxoSmithKline is planning to close its research and development site near Tonbridge, with the loss of 240 jobs.

The move is part of a range of proposals that aim to save the multinational company £500 million by 2012.

A spokeswoman for the firm said workers and unions at the site in Powder Mill, near Leigh, were told of the plans earlier this month and a 90-day consultation was now in progress.

"Employees are being consulted about a potential closure, but it is not a finalised plan," she said.

She said talk of plans to outsource the jobs to India was "purely speculation".

GlaxoSmithKline announced a 12 per cent rise in annual profits in its fourth quarter results, which were published on February 4.

But CEO Andrew Witty said the company was proposing to cease research in selected areas, including depression and pain.

He said research would focus on neurodegenerative and neuroinflammatory diseases, such as Alzheimer's, multiple sclerosis and Parkinson's disease. GlaxoSmithKline also wants to reduce R&D "infrastructure costs".

"We remain very conscious of the impact restructuring has on employees. Where possible, we will try to preserve jobs," Mr Witty said.

"We will not be providing targets for job reductions and will announce restructuring outcomes once employees, works councils and trade unions have been consulted.

"These R&D strategies are designed to make us more responsive in our allocation of capital and to deliver greater returns."

GlaxoSmithKline's plans will result in job cuts and closures affecting six sites worldwide. As well as Tonbridge, they include Harlow, Essex; Verona, Italy; Zagreb, Croatia; Poznan, Poland; and Mississauga, Canada.

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THE INTERVIEW

BY JANE CONNOLLY

Comic's life is a journey full of surprises

THE element of surprise is crucial for an enjoyable life, according to adventurous comedian Dave Gorman.

Whether travelling around the world in search of his namesakes or living by the whim of an astrologer, the imaginative comic never tires of a challenge.

His latest tour – Sit Down, Pedal, Pedal, Stop and Stand-Up – is his first for many years to comprise a straightforward stand-up show, with no outlandish idea behind it.

But unsurprisingly, even this simple premise has its origins in one of Gorman's trademark 'big ideas'.

Last year Gorman cycled 1,500 miles across the country, visiting all four corners of the British mainland and performing comedy every night of the epic trip.

Iconic route

"The show isn't about the journey, though with the nature of the shows I've done in the past, it would be reasonable to think it might be," he explains.

"Initially I thought I would like to do a bike ride. I was getting more and more keen on cycling, so I was thinking about riding from Land's End to John O'Groats because it's the iconic route.

"But I looked into it and found they were not the southern and northern-most points, so I looked into doing east to west too and thought that would be exciting.

"It was not to do with the gigs, it was just a man approaching 40 and wanting to think he's still young enough to do a big bike ride."

His manager talked him into incorporating the ride with a comedy tour but, due to the nature of the route, Gorman was only able to perform in certain areas of the country.

But demand for the show grew, so he is continuing the tour this year, albeit with transport that will leave him less saddle-sore.

Although this show does not have a 'hook' as many previous ones have, Gorman will soon be on the look-out again for interesting new projects.

"To do comedy well, you have to be interested in it. I can't just do a new tour of stand-up every year because I won't be as interested and that won't be as good for an audience.

"I want to be proud of it."

A few years ago he launched a mission to meet other Dave Gormans around the world, while other exploits have included trying to drive across America without using any chain retailers and living purely by the advice of an astrologer for 40 days.

For Gorman, 38, breaking away from the norm and seeing what life throws at him is an exhilarating approach.

"I would rather have life as a rollercoaster than a train. If you're going to have the ups, you need to have something to compare them to," he said.

"I would rather go to a different coffee shop every day and sometimes have bad coffee and sometimes have the best coffee in the world, than go to the same one every day and always have acceptable coffee.

"I like to take risks and if you're going to do that, you have to accept it won't always be a nice surprise."

• Dave Gorman can be seen at the Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, on Sunday, February 28.

ROLLERCOASTER RIDE: Dave Gorman believes life needs the downs as well as the ups

Lorry driver dies in M20 collision

A LORRY driver has been killed in a crash on the London-bound carriageway of the M20 near Swanley.

Police were called at 3.35pm on Thursday, February 11, after reports of a collision involving a lorry and a green Fiesta.

Both vehicles left the motorway and ended in a field, with the lorry overturning.

The driver, who was in his 50s and not from Kent, was pronounced dead at the scene. The female driver of the Fiesta was taken to hospital for treatment for minor injuries. The motorway was closed to allow emergency services to deal with the incident, with traffic diverted at junction three at Wrotham Hill on to the M26.

A Kent Police investigation has been opened into the accident. Eyewitnesses or anyone with information is asked to contact officers on 01622 798538.

Brave Natasha's crowning glory

A WOMAN has been presented with an award for her dedicated work at a hair salon while fighting cancer.

Natasha Nissan, who is part of the guest relations team at The Chapel in Tunbridge Wells, was recognised for her bravery at the Hairdressing and Beauty Benevolent honours fundraising ball earlier this month.

The charity event, at the Hilton Park Lane Hotel in London, was attended by leading figures in the hair and beauty industry.

Leading stylist John Freida presented the Outstanding Courage Award to Ms Nissan for continuing to work in the salon while battling the disease and for striving to raise £25,000 for charity.

Traders bucking trend to weather economic storm

By **JENNA PUDELEK**
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TUNBRIDGE Wells has bucked the national trend of stores closing their doors as recession gripped high streets across the country.

The town centre has one of the lowest shop vacancy rates in England, a new study has revealed.

Research by the Local Data Company (LDC) showed the number of empty shops in towns and cities nationwide has increased, leaving some high streets in the Midlands resembling ghost towns.

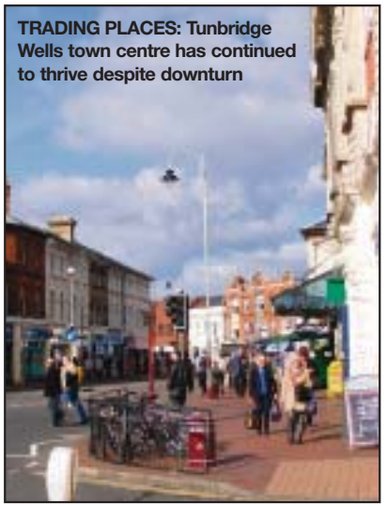
But the town centres of Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks have weathered the harsh trading conditions better than most, recording the best vacancy rates in the South East of 3.2 per cent and 4.5 per cent respectively in the survey.

In comparison, Margate on the east Kent coast was found to have the worst vacancy rate – 27.9 per cent – of medium sized centres in the country.

Tonbridge has not fared as well as its west Kent counterparts. The research found it has a retail vacancy of 12.4 per cent, the 10th worst in the South East out of 20 main centres.

Marc Burchett, senior marketing manager at Royal Victoria Place in Tunbridge Wells, said at the end of 2009 several high-profile retailers, including Topshop and Superdry, opened stores at the centre.

He said: "The survey clearly shows Tunbridge Wells is ahead of our competitors as a leading retail destination within the region and that the town centre has remained resilient.



TRADING PLACES: Tunbridge Wells town centre has continued to thrive despite downturn

"Tunbridge Wells is a very attractive proposition to retailers seeking new locations across the South East due to its affluent catchment area, low crime rate and attractiveness."

Clive Andrews, retail manager of Blighs Meadow shopping centre in Sevenoaks, said he thought the mix of independent shops and national chains attracted shoppers.

"We're fully let," he said. "We've a good mix of smaller companies and nationals, but most of the nationals we've got have managed to survive in their own right and have chosen to stay in Sevenoaks."

Out-of-town shopping centres, such as Bluewater in north Kent, have also been blamed for the sorry state of many high streets.

But Mr Andrews rejected such claims in relations to Sevenoaks. "We don't worry about Bluewater," he said.

"Sevenoaks is smaller and more intimate. Yes, you have to pay for parking, but it's easy to find and there are no traffic jams."

Like many town centres across the country, plans to regenerate Tonbridge have been put on hold by the recession. It also faces tough competition from nearby Tunbridge Wells, which has a wider variety of shops and department stores.

Steve Humphrey, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council's director of planning, transportation and leisure, said: "Tonbridge town centre is smaller than Tunbridge Wells and has more independent shops so can be more vulnerable to recession as trade falls off.

"And unlike Sevenoaks, it doesn't have as many niche shops which tend to retain business at such times.

"There's little direct action the council can take as the shops are in private ownership, but we'd encourage landlords to ask realistic rents that reflect the difficult trading conditions in order to attract new tenants."

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Alias Smith and jokes

COMEDIAN Arthur Smith and a former Doctor Who are among the talents signed up to perform at the first Tonbridge Arts Festival, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

Organisers have approached Old Tonbridgian and Strictly Come Dancing winner Chris Hollins, in the hope that the BBC sports presenter and his glamorous ballroom partner, Ola Jordan, will launch a tea dance planned in the Angel Centre.

Andy Brett, chairman of the festival committee, revealed they want the event, which runs from October 15 to 24, to end on a high note and are considering hiring a former X Factor contestant or a Sixties band.

Organisers hope to secure the comic talents of Jo Brand, a former Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar pupil; and Private Eye editor and Have I Got News For You team captain Ian Hislop, who lives in Sissinghurst, has also been approached. Mr Brett secured the services of alternative comedian Smith, who has signed up to be a patron to the festival, through his connections with Tonbridge.

"His brother lives a couple of doors down from me," he said. "We've been neighbours for years and I got his email address. Their mum also lives in Tonbridge, so Arthur has a link to the town and he got back to me saying he'd be prepared to do something."

Smith is scheduled to perform in Tonbridge School's EM Forster Theatre on October 19.

Colin Baker, the sixth Doctor Who, who played the Time Lord during the 1980s, is lined up to perform and could be starring alongside a fellow former star of the cult sci-fi show, Tunbridge Wells resident Louise Jameson, who played barbarian warrior Leela, companion of the fourth Doctor.

Artist Guy Portelli, who lives in Tonbridge, is to be on the judging panel for the festival's open art exhibition. It will also feature a display of work by the sculptor who appeared on the BBC's Dragons' Den last year with his Pop Icons Collection and has gone on to achieve worldwide success.

Local writer Alys Clare, whose work is inspired by the countryside and towns of west Kent, will be doing a talk and a writers' workshop.

A Jane Austen Walk pointing out the novelist's connections to the area; a salsa workshop and show; a jazz evening; an Abba tribute band; storytelling and sleepover for young festival-goers; and a performance by local wind orchestra Bacchus are among the range of events being hosted in venues across town.

Arthur Smith

Now Mr Brett and fellow committee members are trying to secure funding. He said: "Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council has agreed to give £2,000 to kick-start us."

The committee has also applied for £4,000 from the Kent Investment Fund and is set to apply for £10,000 from the Arts Council and a further £5,000 from Grass Roots.

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Voting against the cruelty

THREE parliamentary candidates have signed up to a campaign that aims to put protecting animals from cruelty on the political agenda of the next Government.

Vote Cruelty Free is a coalition of animal protection organisations, including the League Against Cruel Sports and Compassion in World Farming, which has sent its manifesto to all candidates for the next general election and asked them to show their support.

More than 200 candidates nationally have pledged their support on issues including farm animal welfare, animal experimentation, commercial seal hunting, hunting, the fur trade, whaling and illegal wildlife trade.

Dr Hazel Dawe, the Green Party candidate for Tunbridge Wells; Steve Dawe, the party's candidate for Tonbridge and Malling; and Alan Bullion, the Liberal Democrat candidate for Sevenoaks, have all signed up.

A Vote Cruelty Free spokeswoman said: "Animal protection is an issue close to the UK public's heart but this is often not reflected in current political debate."

The Vote Cruelty Free alliance also includes welfare groups such as Respect for Animals.

Mr Dawe said: "We have a long way to go before we eliminate entirely avoidable cruelty to animals in the UK.

"I would like to see far more vigorous efforts at enforcing existing laws as well as new legislation to tackle a culture in which cruelty to animals is all too readily accepted."

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Church row stirred up by Valentine's sermon

By JENNA PUDELEK
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CHURCH leaders have rallied round a vicar embroiled in controversy after giving a sermon telling women to submit to their husbands.

The Rev Mark Oden, curate at St Nicholas's Church in Sevenoaks, sparked outrage when he delivered a Sunday address blaming the failure of modern marriages on women no longer obeying their husbands.

The Diocese of Rochester, which includes churches across west Kent, this week released a statement saying: "The Church of England is a broad and embracing Church which believes in and promotes the sanctity of marriage and the uniqueness of the Bible."

The church's rector, Angus MacLeay, who is chairman of trustees at Reform, a conservative evangelical movement in the Church of England that opposes women bishops, was also caught up in the row after being accused of writing "it would seem that women should remain silent … if questions could legitimately be answered by their husbands".

The quote – an interpretation of a passage from Corinthians – is on a leaflet by Reform, which can be read on the organisation's website.

"The reality is that I have written no leaflets, nothing has been distributed and no one has ever told women to be silent," Mr MacLeay said in a statement on Monday.

In the second part of Mr Oden's marriage sermon, which was delivered on Valentine's Day, he sought to redress the balance after the controversy of his address the previous Sunday, and called on men to put the briefcase down and "put the Marigolds on".

Despite requests for an interview with Mr Oden or Mr MacLeay this week, we were told no one was available.

However, St Nicholas's Church did release a statement saying the vicar's sermon on February 7 came from Peter the Apostle's instructions for wives in the Bible.

Sensitive

Mr MacLeay said in the statement: "At St Nicholas's, as in many other evangelical churches up and down the country, we engage in an expository preaching ministry which requires both preacher and people to engage humbly with God's word, the Bible.

"Although some churches regard much of the ethical instruction of the New Testament as either wrong or outdated, there are many other churches which recognise that God's word rightly and sensitively interpreted still has an abiding message for each succeeding generation."

The statement stressed that Mr Oden, who is 35 and married with three young daughters, recognises "the full equality of men and women". But it added that he also recognises the contradictions found in Scripture, that while they are apparently equal they have "differing roles and responsibilities".

Mr MacLeay said it was their responsibility as preachers not to let modern culture shape their understanding of the Bible.

He said culture has "moved so far from its Christian moorings", which, he believes, is why an "ordinary" passage in the Bible urging women to be submissive and know their "roles" makes headlines nationally and even globally, as it made the news in the USA.

In response, a Diocese of Rochester statement said: "Christians believe all people are made in the image of God and are equal in God's sight. The Church of England is a broad and embracing Church which believes in and promotes the sanctity of marriage and the uniqueness of the Bible. Members of the clergy interpret their priestly ministry in different ways and this is reflected in the rich variety of Anglican churches."

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WINNING SMILES: Simon Gabriel, right, with TV property guru Phil Spencer

Award ends up in right location

AN ESTATE agency in Tunbridge Wells has scooped an award for ourstanding customer service.

Green Lizard took the prize for the South East at the annual Estate Agent Awards, held at the Marriott Hotel in London's Mayfair.

The firm's Simon Gabriel said: "We are really pleased to win this award, particularly in such a tough economic climate.

"Our approach provides a personal service and sales success, and to be recognised for this is great news."

Television property expert Phil Spencer, who presents Location, Location, Location, handed out the awards at the glitzy ceremony, which saw 300 estate and letting agents gather at the five-star hotel.

Mr Spencer said: "Throughout the industry there is a constant need to improve customer service and these awards help agents focus on keeping clients happy. After all, the most powerful marketing tool is word of mouth, so customer satisfaction is key."

Safety contest is off to a flyer

PUPILS have joined forces with a neighbourhood policing team to urge drivers to park safely outside their school.

After receiving complaints about dangerous parking at the junction with Church Lane, near Capel Primary School in Five Oak Green, officers asked the children to help by taking part in a competition to design a safer parking message.

The winning design will be printed on flyers to be put on cars parked dangerously or inconsiderately and its creator will receive a bike, helmet, bike lights and a safety vest.

PC Lara Winchester said: "This competition has really fired everyone's imagination.

"It gives children the chance to think about safety and do something creative to promote awareness within the community."

Lucy's on the run

PUPILS of a Lamberhurst primary school who raised £203 for victims of the Haiti earthquake have decided their next cause to support will be the Stroke Association.

They are backing the efforts of PE teacher Lucy Clutterbuck, who will be running the London Marathon on April 23 for the charity. Visit www.justgiving.com/juicylucy to sponsor her.

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Inspirational teen wins Diana Award

A TEENAGER whose mother was killed in a traffic accident has been presented with a Diana Award for her commitment to helping others, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

Milly Peckham-Cooper, 13, a pupil at the Weald of Kent Grammar School, was presented with the honour that recognises young people who have made an outstanding and selfless contribution to their communities.

Remarkably, Milly has followed in the footsteps of her brother, Roper, who received the award in 2004, and her sister Nellie, who was presented with the honour in 2007. This marks the first time there have been three Diana Award holders in one family.

Cllr Martin Coffin, Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council's cabinet member for leisure, youth and arts, said: "This is a great achievement. Milly's commitment and determination have been an inspiration to many and I would encourage other young people to follow her example and help to make their own community a better place to live."

Milly is a member of Tonbridge and Malling Youth Forum. Her mother died in December 2002 and she was nominated for her courage and bravery in the face of adversity and for being an inspirational young woman.

She carries out charity work to ensure young and underprivileged people in the borough have a voice and are able to air their problems.

The citation on Milly's award certificate, which was signed by Prime Minister Gordon Brown, reads: "For your ability to improve and inspire the lives of others."

Diana Awards provide support and opportunities for people to develop their talents for leadership, citizenship and future careers.

Milly won the Weald anti-bullying competition during her first year at the grammar school in Tonbridge and was also awarded the school's special citizens award for a positive attitude and involvement in school life.

Created in the memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, the award is given to young people who demonstrate the qualities associated with the 'People's Princess' – compassion and a commitment to improving the lives of others.

RECOGNITION: A smiling Milly (right) was presented with her award by her headteacher, Maureen Johnson, at her school.

College continues to grow success

A COLLEGE offering agricultural and land-based courses has been recognised by government inspectors as "outstanding".

Hadlow College was this week presented with an award by Ofsted.

At a celebration event in London hosted by Christine Gilbert, the chief inspector of education, the college was named on an annual list of outstanding providers.

To be included they had to demonstrate excellent quality of care, support and education to meet the needs of students.

Paul Hannon, principal at Hadlow, said the college was enormously proud to be honoured.

He said: "It means a great deal to all the staff and students to have official recognition of the standards achieved."

Store champions unsigned bands

By **JON COATES**
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AN INDEPENDENT music store is launching a project to give unsigned bands in west Kent a platform to win over new fans.

Ape, which has stores in Tunbridge Wells and Brighton, prides itself on delivering the best new and classic music at competitive prices.

It has now decided to showcase the thriving music scene in west Kent by giving unsigned bands exposure to move to the next level.

The Ape Unsigned Project will see the store in Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells, sell recordings for local bands in a dedicated section in the shop.

Monthly sessions will also be held to allow two or three of the unsigned bands to perform acoustic sets at the store, which up to 50 customers will be able to enjoy.

Ape Unsigned is the brainchild of Dale Nash, who works in the store. He said: "There are so many talented local bands playing live shows so I thought it would be good to give them a chance to raise their profile.

IN STORE: Three for a girl will be among the bands set to benefit from Ape Unsigned

"New music seems to be taking over, with bands like Temper Trap doing really well.

"I think people have had enough of travelling long distances for expensive shows and would rather see a good local band. So this is our way of allowing the unsigned bands to release their music and expand their fan base."

The project will be launched on March 12 with two bands performing acoustic sets in the store. And there has already been a good response from the local acts, with more than 20 from Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge saying they want to be involved.

The designated unsigned section in the store will be able to stock releases from 36 bands and will be situated next to the counter so customers can ask staff any questions they have about the acts.

Frank Taylor opened the first Ape store in Brighton five years ago and after moving into a bigger shop in 2007, he decided to branch out and open the Tunbridge Wells outlet in November 2008.

He said: "I think with The Forum and other venues in the town there are really committed fans of the local bands, so it makes perfect sense to launch Ape Unsigned."

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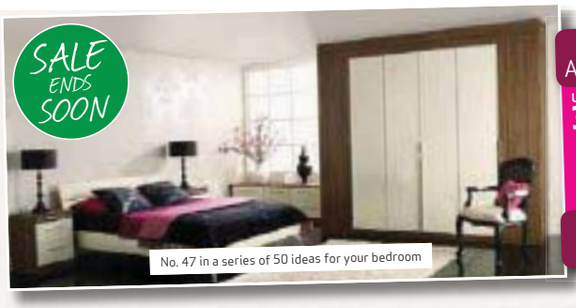

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Our orchards could take a tropical twist

FRUIT growers in the Garden of England could soon be forced to switch from apple orchards to harvesting exotic fruit, according to experts looking at climate change, ***writes Mike Bennett***.

They say the effects of global warming could spell the end of Kent's rich heritage of hops, apples and pear growing.

These traditional crops need winter chills – prolonged periods when it is above freezing but below 7C – but recent warmer winters have pointed to a future where more exotic fruits normally found in the heat of southern Europe, Africa and South America will flourish, like kiwi, peaches and nectarines.

And the experts have warned fruit growers not to be lulled into a false sense of security by this year's freak Arctic winter.

In a bid to help the industry, specialists at East Malling Research Centre have been studying changes in chill effects.

The centre's head of science Chris Atkinson said: "UK growers must adapt to the changes in winter chill and the further decreases forecast by the end of the century.

"In the South East we are expecting a 12 per cent reduction in chill hours each winter, while the number of frosts has declined by a much higher percentage. Winters will continue to become shorter and milder."

ALL CHANGE: Kiwi could soon be a more practical crop than apples for our growers

He cites the success of vineyards in Kent and East Sussex as the way forward, as grapes need a much shorter chill time.

In the future he believes growers will need to switch to novel replacement crops rather than the traditional fruit trees of Kent.

Alastair Jessel, who has the 300-acre Bockingfold fruit farm in Goudhurst, has been leading the way in experimenting with alternative crops. He still grows 90 acres of apples and pears, but the rest of his land is set aside to look at how to generate an income from the exotic fruit market.

Mr Jessel said: "Last year we produced 200 honeydew-type melons, tayberries, loganberries and melon pears."

His latest crop is the tamarillo, or tree tomato, a fruit from the Andes in Peru and grown across the Southern hemisphere.

This sub-tropical fruit is about the size of an egg and packed with vitamins, minerals and antioxidants, and is widely grown commercially in New Zealand.

Sea buckthorn is another crop he has been growing that he predicts will develop into a major winner. Originally from the Himalayas, it is grown across India, Pakistan and Russia as a natural remedy for health conditions ranging from skin care to herbal tonics.

Mr Jessel said: "I am looking to produce a health tonic by mixing it with frozen apple and blueberry juice I have from last season.

"The interest in alternative crops is amazing and I am excited about the future."

Nuisance drivers cause chaos at supermarket

SHOPPERS feared they were going to be run over as five cars and a van caused havoc in a supermarket car park.

Police said they received complaints about the vehicles gathered at Tesco in Riverhead at 9.50pm on Tuesday.

They had been in the car park for two hours before the anti-social driving started and at least one person thought the vehicles were going to hit them, officers said.

Sevenoaks neighbourhood officer PCSO Amy Hardy said: "After they were spoken to the group left and there were no further calls about the matter.

"Anti-social motorists have been raised as an issue by the local community. If anyone sees vehicles being driven in a nuisance way they should report the matter."

Make the most of special beauty

NEW landowners with one acre or more in the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty are offered a free visit from cultural landscape adviser Matt Pitts.

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Jailed for making child sex pictures

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A PAEDOPHILE has been locked up for 20 months for making and possessing thousands of images of children being sexually abused.

In sentencing Judge Philip Statman described the images, which included sadism and bestiality, as the worst he had been forced to look at.

Ronald Fuller, 49, who lived in Wrotham Heath, near Sevenoaks, pleaded guilty to 27 offences when he appeared at Maidstone Crown Court on December 2.

He was sentenced on Friday, February 12, at the same court, after the hearing heard police found more than 18,000 indecent images of children on his home computer.

Of these 230 images and video clips were of the most serious kind, showing sadism or bestiality with children.

Kent Police's public protection crime unit had executed a search warrant at Fuller's home last September after receiving information. He was charged that day with seven offences of possessing indecent images of children and 20 offences of making indecent images of children.

Senior investigating officer Detective Constable Jo Gordon said: "Fuller had an extensive collection of indecent images of children, including many stills and movies of children being sadistically abused.

"People engaged in such offences must realise they themselves are contributing towards the continuing horrific abuse of children – those who are least able to protect themselves.

PAEDOPHILE: Ronald Fuller

"I and my colleagues in the public protection crime unit are determined to do everything we can to track down and bring to justice these offenders."

Kent Police's digital forensics unit examined some of the computer equipment taken from his home and found more than 18,000 indecent images and movies.

All of the images and movies were categorised between levels one to five, with level five being the most serious depicting sadism or bestiality with children.

Of the still images 10,783 were classed as level one, 1,557 as level two, 2,984 as level three, 2,528 as level four and 219 were level five. He also had moving images categorised as 125 in level one, 45 in level two, 18 in level three, 108 in level four and 11 in level five.

This made a total of 18,378 images and films of child abuse stored on his computer.

Head of Kent Police's Public Protection Unit Detective Superintendent Maria Shepherd said: "Kent Police remains determined to seek out those individuals who abuse children and are engaged in child abuse image offences.

"We are committed to identifying offenders and bringing them before the courts.

"There is no excuse for viewing, downloading or searching for images of children suffering abuse.

"These are images of real children where a child is suffering real abuse and we will continue to work, together with partner agencies, including CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre), to stop this horrific crime."

Mr Statman said in sentencing: "Each of these images have a victim.

"There are young girls, early teens depicted in the most appalling states of humiliation inflicted on them by adults. They are some of the worst images I have had to see."

As well as being jailed, Fuller must also sign the sex offenders register for 10 years.

Anyone who has information on this type of crime can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 and anyone who is involved in this type of crime and wants to stop can visit www.stopitnow.org.

Bus depot store plan sparks fear for small traders

PLANS to build a second major supermarket in Hawkhurst are being fought by the parish council due to fears the competition could signal the end for some independent traders in the village.

Although some members favoured the plan, the majority, led by chairman Peter Harding, rejected the application to build on the former Arriva bus depot site in Rye Road by eight votes to five. Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is expected to make the final decision on the plan for a 13,950 sq ft store with 82 parking spaces in April.

In a lively debate at a parish council meeting last week Mr Harding said he feared shops in places like The Colonnade would be hit hard if the supermarket plan was approved.

Other councillors argued that competition should be welcomed as it would bring in shoppers from surrounding areas who would normally go to Tunbridge Wells.

Traffic diversion for major works

MOTORISTS have been warned to expect traffic delays for two months in Cranbrook when major road works start next month.

Kent County Council has issued orders banning through traffic on Stone Street from Friday, March 25, for up to 25 days and in Carriers Road from Tuesday, April 20, for 18 days.

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Mr & Mrs – made for each other?

ROMANCE was definitely in the air in our household last weekend, and not just because it was Valentine's Day, but more to do with the fact that my parents celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.

The whole event was a great success, and was a stark reminder that true love can not only blossom but in many circumstances continue to grow. This was certainly proved to be the case with my mum and dad, who are testament that it can survive and are great ambassadors of the concept of marriage.

During their celebration speech, dad admitted that on their very first meeting, at his sister's wedding, he fell in love with my mum and proudly announced that he intended to marry her.

It was little surprise then that their respective families were more than a little shocked, particularly as he was not even 17 and his intended bride was just 15.

I couldn't imagine what I'd say if our 16-year-old son announced that he was planning to wed a girl he'd met at a family gathering that day.

Actually, scrub that. I know exactly what I'd say and it would include a very long chat.

WEDDED BLISS: A long marriage takes hard work and the ability to laugh with each other

Despite family apprehension, their match proved successful, and true love prevailed, but in order to reach their milestone they openly admit they had their ups and downs, and both Marie and Bill Maddocks had to overcome some difficult and sad times in order to enjoy the good.

Perfectly acceptable, after all 50 years is a long time, and as my dad said, he'd have got less time for murder.

He was only joking, and mum would know that he was, as part of the reason they have such a strong and healthy relationship, they tell us, "is their ability to laugh with each other as well as at themselves".

It's just a shame then, that American television producers couldn't perhaps take a leaf out of their book, as they are about to launch a new TV show called The Marriage Ref.

A panel of celebrities, including Madonna and Ricky Gervais, will sit in judgement over divorcing couples, and help to settle their domestic disputes.

The arguments will be filmed in the couples' own homes, and decisions on their relationships will be made by the voting judges.

One episode includes a husband who annoys his wife by parking a motorbike in the living room, and another who argue about having their dead dog stuffed.

The saddest part is that hearing of the TV programme, I was not in the least bit surprised. It appears that yet again, there is no end to what people are prepared to do, in the name of entertainment.

But if we want to see relationships put to the test on the TV, what's wrong with 'Mr & Mrs'?

Admittedly the modern day version is not a patch on Derek Batey's original winning formula, but Phil and Fern do give it a good go.

We've only been married for 18 years, but I reckon Glen and I would be in with a chance of getting a few answers right, at least.

Just as long as he agrees with everything I say we're on to a winner – the perfect couple!

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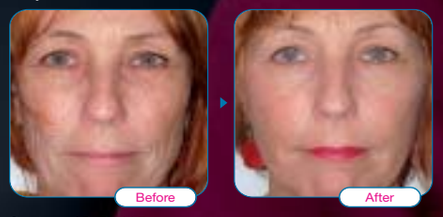

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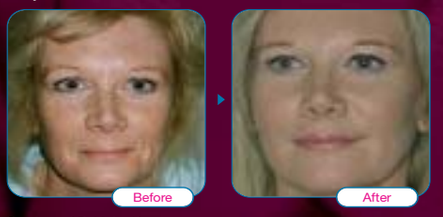

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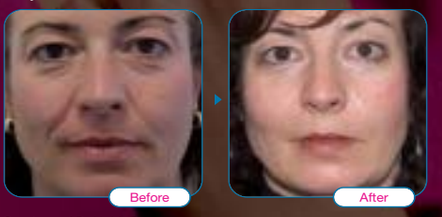

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FORMER ENEMIES: The Messerschmitt, and below, the Spitfire

Spitfire roars back

TWO iconic Battle of Britain aircraft will return to the skies above west Kent this year for the War and Peace Show.

The popular annual event will be held at the Hop Farm in Paddock Wood just weeks after the celebrations marking the 70th anniversary of the turning point of the Second World War.

The county's Spitfire fighter Spirit of Kent and the German Messerschmitt 108 will take to the skies on Sunday, July 25.

Show organiser Rex Cadman said: "It will be good to hear the throaty roar of the Spitfire, particularly in such an important year, when we are celebrating the most significant event in the history of the RAF.

"The aircraft's appearance at the War and Peace Show is a tribute to the courageous airmen whose skill and determination played a crucial role in turning defeat into victory.

"The return of the Messerschmitt 108 provides a rare opportunity for people to see a German wartime aircraft in action.

"This machine was not a fighter, in the style of its sister aeroplane the Messerschmitt 109, but these machines were very much in the front line, serving on fighter squadrons in the communications role."

Paul Campbell, of The Kent Spitfire, which has arranged the War and Peace Show display, said: "Both aircraft will be in authentic wartime livery and looking their best for such an important anniversary year."

Battle of Britain is remembered

By **MIKE BENNETT**
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A SERIES of spectacular events will take place in Kent this summer to mark the 70th anniversary of the greatest air battle in history.

The Battle of Britain, which was fought in the skies above the county, heralded a major turning point in the Second Word War.

Without aerial dominance, Hitler's Nazis were prevented from mounting a planned invasion of Britain, stemming the tide of the German advance across Europe in 1940.

From his home at Chartwell, near Westerham, Prime Minister Winston Churchill dubbed the battle Britain's "finest hour".

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of the triumph, Biggin Hill Air Fair is planning an airfield attack and aerial display in June, and a major event will be staged at the National Memorial to the battle at Capel-le-Ferne, near Folkestone, in July.

The county's Spitfire, The Spirit of Kent, will also soar above the War and Peace Show at the Hop Farm in Paddock Wood in July.

FINEST HOUR: Leader Winston Churchill made a rousing speech

The Battle of Britain raged over Kent from July 10 until October 31, 1940, with brave RAF pilots winning spectacular dog-fights, despite being completely outnumbered by the German Luftwaffe.

In a rousing address from Chartwell, Churchill declared in August 1940 that: "Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few."

The four months of intense aerial dogfights were fought above Kent to win dominance of the skies and also to protect London from Nazi attacks.

There were 71 squadrons within RAF Fighter Command, and the airmen known as "The Few" came not only from Britain but also Poland, France, Belgium, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and South Africa.

A major celebration of the 70th anniversary of the triumph is planned for July 11 this year at the National Memorial at Capel-le-Ferne, on the cliffs between Folkestone and Dover.

The most famous RAF fighter station at Biggin Hill airfield, which is now an airport near Westerham, will commemorate the anniversary at its 47th annual air fair on June 26 and 27.

Events will include a spectacular airfield attack enhanced through sound, pyrotechnics and giant screens, to help create the summer of 1940.

Biggin Hill will host a large number of Spitfires, Hurricanes and other key aircraft from the battle and have invited representatives and aircraft from the Allied nations that fought at their side to join the commemorations of the historic victory.

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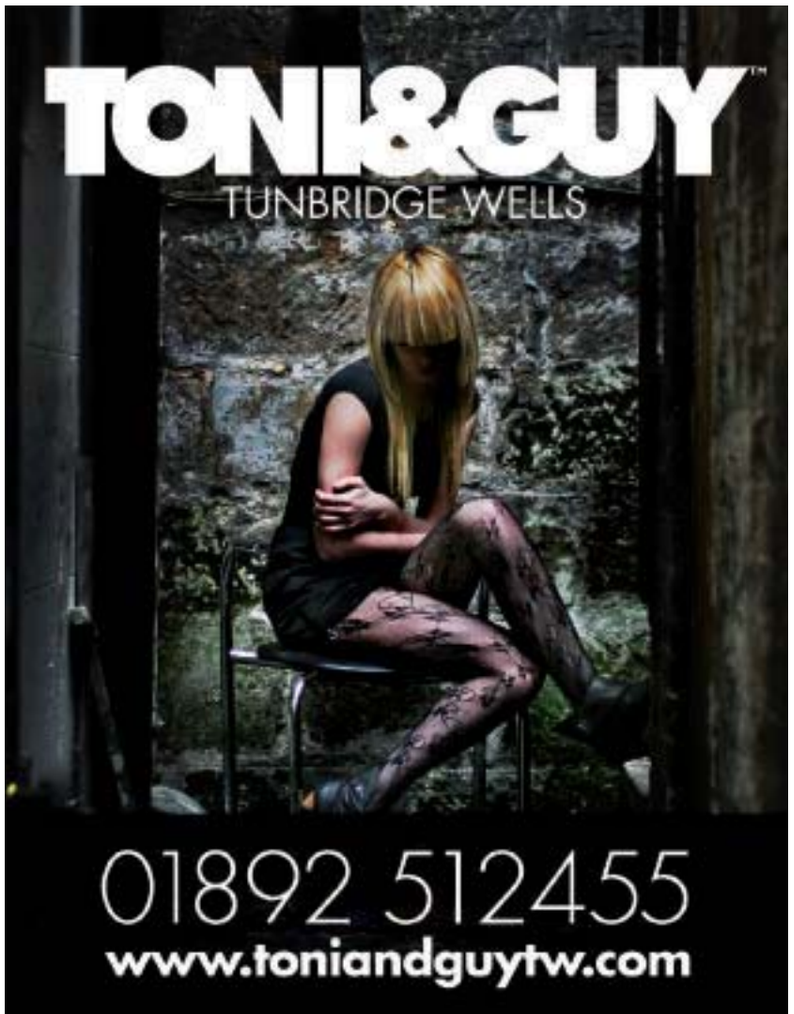

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Giving people with disabilities opportunity to live normal life

By JENNA PUDELEK
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JUST a few short years ago Compaid's very future teetered on the brink. It was at crisis point.

Yet today it stands strong and now has ambitious plans to expand its services for people with disabilities.

The Tunbridge Wells-based charity was established with the aim of using special software and hardware technology to enable disabled adults to use computers to express themselves and their creativity.

More than 1,000 people across Kent and the South East are supported by the charity, which its clients have called a lifeline.

However, its future was thrown into jeopardy in 2005, when the charity was served with an eviction notice from its former landlord Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust.

Compaid had been housing its activity centre rent-free in the grounds of Pembury Hospital, but the trust said the charity would have to leave to make way for its new flagship, private finance initiative hospital.

After a tough time searching desperately for an appropriate centre, Tunbridge Wells Football Club stepped in and the charity found a new home at its Culverden Down ground.

In 2009, Stephen Elsden took over as chief executive at the charity.

"I'm bringing a vision and a sense of where we can go next," he said. "If we carried on what we are doing today with the activities, the demand would decrease.

He said: "We need to change how we work to reflect how disabled people want to live today. They want to live a normal life, equal to non-disabled people, so we need to meet what people expect."

However, he recognised that some of the people who use Compaid's centre, which offers computer support and learning opportunities, had been coming for 20 years and were happy with the current set-up.

"We are not going to turn our back on them," he said. "There are other people who with the right support could go into employment. These are the opportunities I'm keen to explore. I'm meeting with every single one and asking what they need and what their aspirations are."

As well as the centre, where clients can access support using Word, Excel and Powerpoint, and computer-aided design software, and other non-computer related activities, Compaid also operates a transport service across the county and in Sussex, Surrey and Essex.

Permanent home

The charity provides a payroll management service used by individuals receiving direct payments, small businesses and other charities. The office bureau, based in Brenchley, also offers a design and printing service, which includes stationery and cards designed by clients working in the activity centre.

Mr Elsden, who came to Compaid after working as marketing manager at Leonard Cheshire Disability, said that while finding the charity a permanent home where all its services are under one roof would be ideal, it is no longer the priority it once was.

"Compaid has a three-year contract with the football club, giving it stability.

"We are no longer in crisis as we were three or four years ago. Yes, at some point a new centre will need to be looked at where we can bring everyone together, but we need to be clear about what we should be doing for disabled people."

A three-year strategy has just been published with plans to increase the charity's income by 150 per cent year on year. By 2012-13 the charity is aiming for a fundraising income of £300,000.

Plans for the future include more outreach work and providing its services in the community.

Mr Elsden said: "Disabled people should be able to use the same services as normal people. For example, Tunbridge Wells library has computers that can be booked free. Possibly in the future disabled people who go to the library would need one-to-one support [to use computers] and we could provide that."

His vision for the charity's future is based on working closely with other organisations and charities. The charity is also looking to offer its services from high street locations.

VITAL WORK: Transport for the disabled

The outlets would have a small internet cafe that offered support to people with disabilities using computers.

Mr Elsden said the charity also hoped to provide its transport service, which takes people with disabilities shopping and to appointments during the day, at night so that clients can enjoy going to the cinema or theatre.

"We are weathering the recession fairly well this year and expanding in a fairly depressed economic environment, which will be tough," he added.

"We are in a healthy financial position. We have some money in the bank thanks to the support the public gave us three years ago, which has helped us to stabilise and we have the security of having arrangements with the football club."

Don't leave tools in your van overnight, tradesmen warned

POLICE have warned tradesmen not to leave their tools in vehicles overnight after a spate of thefts from vans across west Kent.

The recent incidents have included tools being taken from a Ford Fiesta van in Halstead, near Sevenoaks. A Citroën van and Peugeot van also broken into and tools taken in Fordcombe, near Tunbridge Wells, overnight on February 8-9, and a VW van was forced open in Weald, near Sevenoaks, on the same night, with expensive workmen's equipment again swiped.

Det Sgt Ben Turner said: "It can be time-consuming to empty your van of tools at the end of a working day but it's the best way to ensure the safety of expensive tools.

"Make sure you leave your vehicle secure and empty, and perhaps use a sticker which informs potential thieves that valuable items have been removed."

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Kitchen designer Ian nominated for top industry award

A KITCHEN designer from Tunbridge Wells has been named as a finalist for an award at an industry event.

Ian Keane, who works for Krieder in Chapel Place, Tunbridge Wells, has been shortlisted for the Young Designer Award for Kitchens in the national kbb review Industry Awards 2010.

SLEEK: One of Ian's designs

Mr Keane, who joined Krieder last year, said: "I am very proud to have achieved the honour of reaching the final in such a short space of time and feel that it proves I have a natural flair for kitchen design."

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ON THE LINE: Some of the new chief constable's biggest hurdles will be financial

Next top officer's budget challenge

THE next chief constable of Kent has been warned to expect one of the greatest financial challenges ever experienced by the force, ***writes Steve Knight***.

Potential recruits are already requesting application forms for the top job, but the body responsible for appointing Mike Fuller's replacement is predicting tough times ahead.

Kent Police Authority – which also sets out the policing plan and is responsible for holding the force to account – says it will lose £20 million from its budget over the next few years, and the new chief constable must be prepared for cutbacks.

Speaking exclusively to this newspaper, treasurer David Lewis said the authority was preparing for the worst, regardless of which party wins this year's general election.

He added: "We've got to start addressing this now. There's going to be a new Budget after the general election and we can safely assume it's not going to be good news.

"At some point the economy will recover, but public finances will lag a long way behind because we have so much debt now.

"It's not going to be easy or comfortable and the public isn't going to accept us making cuts when they see that the economy is recovering, so that's a challenge for us.

"In fact this is one of the biggest challenges any of us have ever faced, but nobody can hide here. There are no sacred cows and all of our working practices are subject to review.

"We're going to have to start again with a blank piece of paper."

Last week the authority announced the policing part of the council tax would increase by 2.99 per cent – or an extra £4 per year – and that neighbourhood policing could continue at the same level as a result.

The budget for 2010-11 will be £285m, last year it was £277m.

Despite the anticipated cuts, Mr Lewis said he was not expecting redundancies and any job losses would be met by natural wastage.

Chief executive Mark Gilmartin said the chief constable would be expected to help deliver savings, such as by continuing the collaboration with Essex Police and finding new ways for the two forces to work together.

He added: "There's the potential for a new chief constable to come in and really stamp his or her mark on things here, and that's going to be a significant factor in terms of how we respond to these problems.

"The sort who will go for this job will be highly professional, intelligent people, so if you're put off by the challenge, you're not the right person to be our chief constable."

Mr Fuller announced his retirement from the force earlier this month after his appointment as the new chief inspector of the Crown Prosecution Service.

Kent Police Authority started advertising for his replacement on February 5 and must accept applications for a minimum of three weeks.

DEPARTURE: Mike Fuller

Mr Gilmartin said he expected up to a dozen of the country's most senior officers to apply, with Deputy Chief Constable Adrian Leppard the only member of the Kent force qualified enough to apply.

The authority would need special permission to appoint Mr Leppard, because the rules state he should have held a senior position outside the county to be eligible for the job. Mr Leppard will stand in as chief constable when Mr Fuller leaves next month.

Home Secretary Alan Johnson and a senior appointments panel made up of senior figures from he justice system will both have the opportunity to cast their eyes over the final shortlist, with a decision due to be made "as soon as possible after May 20".

SAVINGS: Mark Gilmartin

A period of negotiations will then follow with the successful candidate's current employer, with his or her appointment being made public by the summer.

Mr Gilmartin said some of the key challenges the new chief constable will face include reducing crime rates and complaints against the police, and improving crime detection rates, public confidence and officer visibility.

He added: "I would say his or her most important role is ensuring the public receives the best service possible. We can't escape the budgetary climate, but service must always be a priority.

"That means everything from tackling antisocial behaviour right the way through to how the force deals with serious and organised crime and homicides.

"The new chief constable will have to be able to deal with all the challenges that are thrown at him or her."

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This long established event, which attracts more than 10,000 visitors annually, will introduce international show jumper Geoff Billington to the new indoor equine arena, which will also feature stallion parades and the Pony Club horse and hound show jumping challenge.

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Police are targeting schools traffic

TEAMS of police officers targeted accident blackspots around schools to clampdown on motorists speeding, not wearing seatbelts, using mobile phones, and drink and drug driving, ***writes Jenna Pudelek***.

As part of a campaign to prevent child casualties on the roads in Kent, police also visited schools and talked to pupils to hammer home the "stop, look and listen" message.

The dangers children face on the roads around schools was highlighted earlier this month, when a five-year-old boy was hit by a car near St Matthew's Primary School in Powder Mill Lane, Tunbridge Wells, and left with serious head injuries, from which he is now recovering.

Officers appealed for the driver of an orange vehicle parked at the side of the road at 3.30pm on Wednesday, February 3, to come forward.

The campaign targeted 40 schools across Kent that have been identified as accident blackspots. In 2008 there were 87 children killed and 570 left with minor injuries in the county.

Tunbridge Wells Neighbourhood Inspector Simon Wilshaw said his officers spoke to young people on St John's Road from nearby schools, including Skinners and Tunbridge Wells Girls Grammar, on Wednesday, February 10.

SAFETY MESSAGE: Pupils at St Paul's Primary School in Rusthall with the high-visibility bags the police gave them as part of the campaign

Other teams, including traffic officers, police community support officers (PCSOs), Kent County Council wardens and traffic wardens were also out and about in Powder Mill Lane, Yew Tree Road and around Sherwood Park School and St Paul's Primary School in Rusthall.

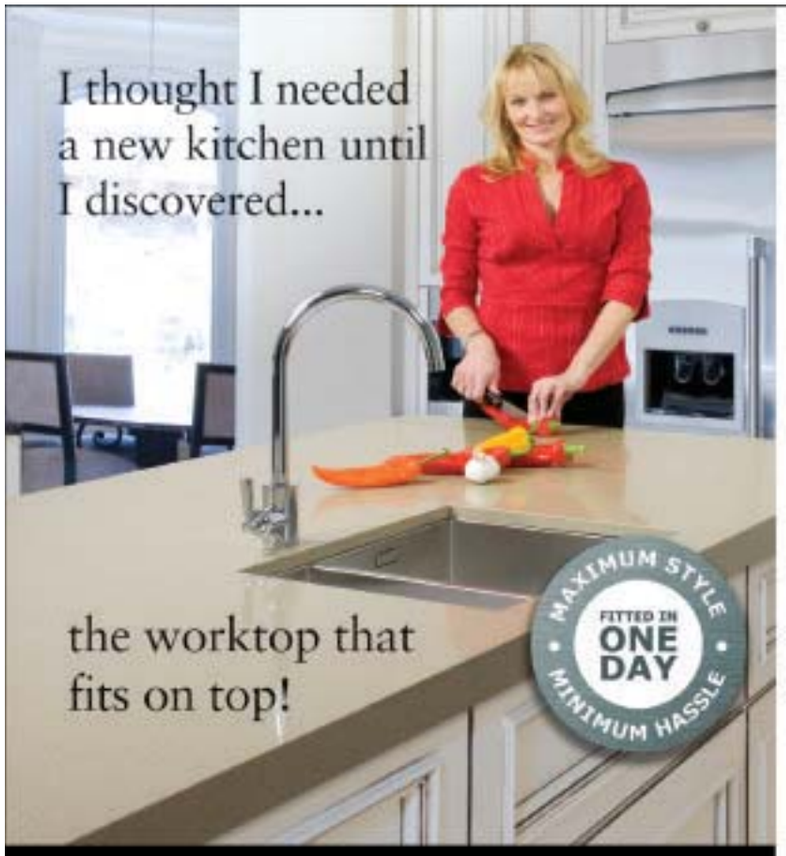
"While the figures are not enormous, they are still very telling," said Insp Wilshaw.

"We dealt with 28 adults and 14 children who were not wearing their seatbelts."

Only three people were given a fixed penalty notice for the offence and the others were dealt with using a restorative justice approach, which involved taking them through the consequences of their actions.

Traffic officers, who were checking drivers were insured and that their vehicles were safe, found 20 cars had defects.

Two people were pulled over for driving while on their phone and one person was caught speeding.



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CHRIS BRITCHER

Excitement's been put on ice

A WORLD of high-speed thrills and spills, with lives being put on the line and dreams are made and shattered.

A smaller nation with a bit of an inferiority complex trying to get one over on its loud, brash, whopping neighbour.

And the plucky Brits risking life and limb to come 16th or 38th.

If you know what I'm talking about, then the chances are you've been as gripped by the Winter Olympics as me.

For those of you not in the know, the winter sports version of the Olympic Games was officially launched on February 12 and will continue until next Sunday, February 28.

The 21st Winter Olympics are being held in Vancouver, Canada, which is normally guaranteed to have lots of snow and provide the perfect setting.

I can't say I remember watching much of the previous winter games.

Sure I've tuned in when the brothers Martin and Graham Bell were doing well in the men's downhill skiing.

I also seem to remember having a good chuckle at a bunch of burly Scots frantically cleaning an ice rink with a broom in taking a curling gold medal at the last Winter Olympics or maybe the one in 2002.

And like most of the nation I cheered on Eddie 'The Eagle' Edwards as he took part in the terrifying ski jumping event, even though he was truly hopeless.

Hey, I'm not saying I could have done any better, so he clearly deserved our support.

But the point I'm making is that I've always looked at the winter version of the Olympics as a bit of a joke.

We don't have mountains or cold enough winters to do the sports favoured by the Swiss, Austrians, French and Scandinavians, so we're always at a disadvantage.

And it was in this vein that I was drawn into this year's event, as with Britain being gripped by the worst winter in decades – and actually having snow, so much of the stuff the country has ground to a halted on several occasions – the Canadians have bizarrely had a mild winter.

The news reports of fears for the Vancouver Games not having enough snow for the skiing event, and having to transport it to the venue from higher altitudes got my attention.

Then a Georgian athlete due to compete in the men's luge died in a practice accident just as the Games was set to open.

Horrific images were shown all around the world of him flying off the track into a metal pole and his fellow sliders – see, I even know the terms now – revealed they had had safety concerns about the newly-built track, which was said to be the fastest and most dangerous ever built.

So I looked at the event in a different light and when you stop to think about men and women sliding at 90mph around an ice track lying on what is effectively a plastic tray – it deserves respect.

There's also been thrilling short course speed skating races, edge of your seat snowboard cross events and bone-jarring mogul races – which saw the Canadians get gold medals on home soil and more importantly beat the Americans.

The BBC's coverage has even been good – with Claire Balding and Hazel Irvine brought in to give familiar faces to complement former downhiller Graham Bell and snowboarder Ed Leigh.

So if you haven't caught the Winter Olympics yet give it a go… you might be pleasantly surprised.

• ***Chris Britcher was on holiday this week, so deputy editor Jon Coates shared his thoughts with us instead.***

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We have a duty to help

As the manager of a west Kent homeless agency, I read with interest the article "Letting Down the Homeless" in the February 14 edition of your paper.

The article was only a headline for their underlying research, but it did point at some interesting findings – many of which I wholeheartedly endorse.

Particularly, I would agree there is an inconsistent approach and supply of services helping homeless people, not only in west Kent but I suspect throughout the country – with no centralised service, that is only to be expected. That's not to say it's right or there's no room for improvement; there is. However, I think it would be helpful for readers to understand the distinction between help for "statutory homeless" and "non-statutory homeless".

The former group of people the councils have a duty to help, so they do. The problem occurs with those that the councils do not have a duty towards - single adults or perhaps people who have voluntarily made themselves homeless. I agree these people can receive an inconsistency of advice and different levels of help, depending where they go – and this applies to non-governmental agencies as well as councils.

The report also points out the disparate spread of services available, For example, Sevenoaks has no homelessness accommodation providers, yet Tunbridge Wells has several, and that makes a difference to the burden on resources and on how much help each council can give.

This is not ideal but is this too dissimilar to the normal housing market? In Porchlight's report they talk about a "non-system" for homeless people, but I would disagree to an extent. There is a system for statutory homeless people – even if demand outstrips supply, there is still a system there.

For others, the "system" is the same as for anyone looking for a home, isn't it? If I want to find a flat of my own then I may start by asking my local council for one. In my case they would say no, as I do not fit the eligibility criteria.

LETTING DOWN THE HOMELESS

Rough sleepers get raw deal in west, says report

Something fishy

FRONT PAGE: An important issue

I therefore have to do the rounds of the letting agencies to find somewhere to live. If I find the right place, I like the landlord, he likes the look of me, and I can get some financing in place, then Bob's your uncle.

This is similar to a homeless person. However, their problems start if they don't fit the council's criteria, because it's at this point they need help and advice. One council may say "sorry, we can't help, goodbye".

Another may say the same but give them some contact numbers of local homeless accommodation providers and letting agencies, and others may actually pick up the phone and try to contact agencies on the person's behalf, and knowing that the alternative is that the person in front of them will sleep on a park bench, won't stop until they get some sort of result.

It's not for me to defend the councils, but on the flipside I can say that some homeless people simply won't accept that the councils can't help them because they do not fit the criteria. Some of them come to us shouting the odds about how terribly they have been treated because no one will give them a flat; well that's the world we live in.

We might not like it but we have to deal with it – we can try and change things in the long run, but "today" we need to find that person somewhere to stay, so they have to live with what's on offer.

Do we need more accommodation services for homeless people? Yes we do. Do the councils and agencies need a more joined-up approach and to communicate better? Yes they do. Does there need to be a better spread of services? Again, yes there does.

I sit on the West Kent Homelessness Strategy Group, along with the three west Kent local authorities and representatives from local agencies, including Porchlight.

The aim of this group is to make some inroads to sort out these problems.

We won't cure everything, and certainly not without help, but one thing we won't do, is stop trying.

John Handley, general manager of The Bridge Trust, by email.

What about the trams?

It's gone awfully quiet regarding Tunbridge Wells getting trams.

As I understood it a local businessman was going to invest some of his money to finance the cost of building the system. Has it been seen to be unfeasible or is it still in the pipeline? Now we have trams it's the best thing to happen to New Addington in years and was well worth all the upheaval while they built it.

John Pentin, from New Addington, near Croydon in Surrey, by letter

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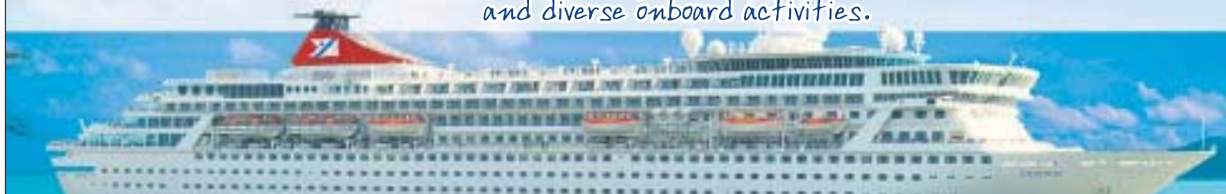

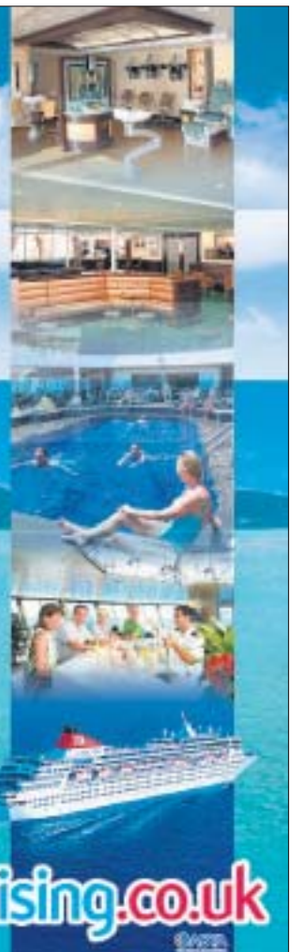

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GREEN
James and Samantha are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby son Taylor-James Daniel Christopher Green born on 30th January 2010 at Darent Valley Hospital weighing 6lb 1oz.

JONES
Ruby Heather born on 21st January 2010 weighing 8lb 6oz daughter to Andy and Lucy.

MARSH
Lilly-May born on 1st February 2010, weighing 7lbs 12oz. Daughter to Darryl and Amanda in St Peters. Welcome little sister to Sam, Amy, Charlie, Sam, Sharna, Elisha and Charley.

STAFFORD
Lucy Hewitt and Ben Stafford of Ramsgate, celebrate the birth of Oscar Edmund Stafford on 29th January 2010 weighing 8lbs 7ozs.

DEATHS

BROWN
Brenda Lillian Brown of St Marys Bay passed away on 12th February 2010. Enquiries to Firmagers Funeral Directors of New Romney.

COOPER
Cyril passed away peacefully at The Hollies Residential Home on 6th February 2010. Cremation to take place on 24th February at Medway Crematorium 2pm. Enquiries to Frosts Funeral Service Swanscombe.

DE LA HOYDE
John Patrick de la Hoyde passed away peacefully on 6th February 2010 in Whitstable. A beloved husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who will be deeply missed. The funeral was held at Barham on Friday 19th February.

DEARLING
Rodney Colin passed away at Maidstone Hospital on 6th February, aged 56. Much loved husband of Jenny and dad of Shaun and Sarah. Will be sadly missed by all.

FAGG
Hilda May passed away peacefully at The Old Farmhouse Residential Home on Tuesday February 9th 2010 aged 99. Very much loved and greatly missed by her children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, family and friends. Funeral to take place at Barham Crematorium on Tuesday February 23rd at 11.20am. Family flowers only, donations to Help For Heroes, Great Ormond Street Hopsital or Salvation Army and sent to Co-Operative Funeral Care, 65 Sturry Road, Canterbury CT1 1BU 01227 463067. The family would like to thank all at The Old Farmhouse for their kindness and care given to Hilda during her time there.

GILES
Frederick Douglas Giles of Canterbury. In loving memory of a beloved husband, loving father, cherished Grandfather and Nandad. Will be deeply missed but now at peace. Lots of Love xxxx.

JARVIS
In loving memory of our beautiful Mum and Nan Jean Alma Jarvis who passed away peacefully on 4th February 2010. Sadly missed but always in our hearts.

TRINDER
Mabel Edith Trinder (nee Jones) of Broadstairs passed away peacefully on 5th February 2010, aged 87 years. Enquiries to Nobles of St Peters Funeral Directors. To live in the hearts of those left behind is to live forever.

WASHINGTON
Washington, Marlene Ann MBE died peacefully aged 68 on 14th February 2010, in the presence of her sons Julian and Jeremy, having been surrounded by the love and prayers of family and friends in her last days. Funeral at St Catherines Church, Preston-next-Faversham ME13 8LN, 1.45pm Friday 26th February. By request, flowers please.

WEBSTER
Marjorie Kathleen Webster passed peacefully away in her sleep on the evening of Monday 8th February 2010 aged 87. Service at Medway Crematorium on Tuesday 23rd February 12:00 Noon. Family flowers only please. Donations welcome to the British Heart Foundation, c/o John Barker at Morris and Partners, 39 Windmill Street, Gravesend DA12 1BA, Tel No 01474 334448.

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Small business is key

Liberal Democrats in Sevenoaks and Swanley have set out plans to revitalise Britain's high streets, protect the future of the Post Office, and help small businesses establish and grow in a fairer marketplace.

The announcement comes as research shows one in eight shops is now empty after the recession. The report, published by the Local Data Company (LDC), says vacancies shot up by 24 per cent in the second half of 2009.

Even before the credit crunch, small independent shops had more or less disappeared from Swanley Town Centre. Labour's skewed planning system as well as Conservative local government dominance has seen supermarket giants squeeze the life out of our towns and now almost every high street in Britain is an identical collection of chain stores.

We need thriving town centres in Sevenoaks and Swanley, with real character to allow local businesses to survive and grow. The financial crisis has exposed Labour and the Conservatives' folly of being entirely dependant on the City of London. The Liberal Democrats understand that small businesses are key to building a healthy and balanced economy.

Lib Dems will encourage the development of a PostBank and free the Post Office from Royal Mail to enable it to develop. We will introduce a local competition test for all retail planning applications to establish a fairer balance between independent stores and supermarkets. We will also establish a system of Local Enterprise Funds and regional stock exchanges to ensure small businesses get access to cost effective equity.

Lib Dem Parliamentary Candidate for Sevenoaks and Swanley
Tunbridge Wells

Keep up with the facts

It is Phil Grainger (Letters, last week) who seems to talk pie in the sky over man-made global warming (M-MGW) as he presents little or no peer-reviewed evidence against it. The facts speak for themselves:

- The World Meteorological Organisation reported a 0.4 C rise in global temperatures in the last 10 years along with five of those being the warmest on record.
- China has released data from 29 Tibetan weather stations showing a 1.5C rise in both winter and summer temperatures, again the highest since records began.
- The 'scandal' was about the Himalayan glaciers, where the current problem is the inaccessibility of the region, not the fact of overall warming. On this point 13 national science institutes around the world, along with Nasa satellite data and recent tree-ring and ice-core samples, etc, all further concur that it is happening and our fault.
- The sun has ended its long low point and has been re-activating for some months now, but a report in US journal Science of March, 2009, again showed that sun and sunspot activity are not the cause of current warming.
- Overall warming may have slowed recently, but only that, and may be due to lower water-vapour levels in the stratosphere. However, the scientist responsible for this clearly stated that M-MGW is happening irrespective of these results.
- Climate and weather are not the same thing. The former happens over thousands or millions of years, the latter is what happens within it over a few decades. We have gone from a fairly stable, for three million years, climate where CO2 was around 275 parts per million (ppm), to one of 389ppm and rising in just 200 years by our own efforts, thus causing the recent wilder weather and altering the climate overall.
- On green beans, if these were on a Fairtrade only basis it may help improve farming in Kenya, etc; as with coffee, tea and so forth, alongside with such as crop-rotation methods.
- As for the Green Investment Bank, it would be funded by government, renewable energy companies, Fairtrade organisations, social enterprises, the Co-op and other 'green' banks like Triodos and Barchester. These along with individuals. It could work alongside the proposed international Tobin Tax and, I suggest, perhaps a similar internal UK one to help fund the Green New Deal overall.

Lastly, I leave Mr Grainger to extract himself from the right-wing media and suggest he instead gets into fact-based magazines such as New Scientist or BBC Focus and books and articles by Fred Pearce, Mark Lynas, Ian Katz, et al, for a better view of things. In other words: do keep up.

Ray Duff
Folkestone

Follow Grand example

Having not been to The Grand, on the Leas in Folkestone, in over six months I was pleasantly surprised by my recent visit last week.

Gone are the portion bottles of wine, grey interior to Keppels bar and surly manager and staff. In their place is a seaside wine bar in glowing burgundy, complete with smart staff and a superb menu, much better than I have seen in a long time, also the new nightly glow of the palm court lights up the Leas.

What impresses me the most is that I saw on the Shepway chairwoman, Susan Carey's Blog that the hotel is supporting the child Victim Support group and upon further investigation, it was pointed out that this was due to the owner, Michael Stainer having solicited the services of a new manager.

I understand the gentleman to be new to the area having worked outside London. Well done, Mr Stainer is what I say. If all business proprietors felt as committed to Folkestone as you and the young Mr Richardson we would have a very progressive township.

I urge everyone to look to their area in these hard times in which we live. The Grand has now set an example for us to follow and I hope this is just the first of many.

P Campbell
By Email

Defending your home

Imagine waking up at 3am when you hear a noise at the front door of the house.

In alarm you switch on the lamp, go out into the hall and confront a big, nasty man wielding an iron bar. The front door has been smashed in and you are terrified.

You have picked up the big stick that you keep at the bedside and in your sleepy, semi-conscious state you wonder whether the man has called for tea. Then you are confronted with a dilemma which has been foisted on all of us by our out-of-touch, Alice-in-Wonderland politicians. Do you wait for the intruder to strike first and steal the family jewels or do you gently kick him in the shins?

My dear old father would not have hesitated to defend his home. He would have struck first, heavily, and then shoved the unconscious man out the door.

Later, he would have been commended for bravery by his family, neighbours and especially the police for doing their job for them.

John Pool
UKIP member, Broadstairs

Too many bad drivers

What an idiot. At 1pm on Friday, January 29, I was driving along the A233 from Bromley towards Biggin Hill and had just rounded the first of the notorious 'chicken farm bends' at Keston to confront a parked car on my side of the road with its hazard lights flashing and the driver sorting through papers on the passenger seat while using a mobile phone.

The 320 bus following behind had to cross double white lines in the centre of the road, taking up the full width of the opposite carriageway. A potentially lethal manoeuvre on a blind bend at this accident black spot.

My previous car was written off when it was hit by a car driven by a woman using a mobile phone causing me to collide with two parked cars.

Quite frankly, speed cameras are a waste of time as they do not catch dangerous or stupid drivers.

We need more police in cars to catch these idiots and much harsher sentencing for those using a mobile phone while in control of a vehicle or stopping to use a mobile phone in a dangerous location. I've even witnessed a learner rider sending a text message while riding his scooter one-handed.

A mandatory driving ban and crushing the vehicle should be the minimum sentence for either offence for all of those selfish drivers who continue to put lives at risk.

Alan Baker,
Biggin Hill

Immaturity over burkas

It is fatuous of precocious Alex Ellis-Roswell to compare the UK Independence Party to the far-right BNP (Teen says Ukip burka ban is 'like the BNP', KOS, January 30).

At just 16, Mr Ellis-Roswell is still only a boy and his intemperate castigation of UKIP over the 'burka ban' policy underlines his immaturity. The burka/niqab is not a religious garment. It is a socially and culturally divisive public advertisement for the subjugation of women. The veils overt an 'us and them' statement of separation and inequality stymies multi-racial understanding and acceptance.

Husbands who coerce their wives into wearing masks that hide their faces in public are bullies who thrive on exerting power and authority over women.

Female emancipation is anathema to these men. In their blinkered opinion a woman is the exclusive property of the man.

Some Muslim women claim to wear the burka through personal choice, but how much of their decision is the result of fervent indoctrination from their controlling masters? Facial expressions and eye contact are key to the art of human communication. To suppress this natural interaction is an affront to humanity and has no place in British society.

Clive Wilkins-Opple,
Canterbury

Keep the hunting ban

This week marks five years since the cruelty of hunting with dogs was made illegal in this country. Five years on and more than one hundred convictions show the Hunting Act is rock solid and working well.

Opponents of the act will argue this is not the case, but new figures show consistent support from the public in favour of keeping the ban. Polling conducted monthly over the last eight months by YouGov concluded that around two thirds of people approve of the ban. Far more people disagree with lifting the ban than those in favour of repeal.

This is legislation which is clearly workable and effective and five years on it is time to send a clear message to politicians who wish to repeal the act that they must not go against the will of the majority of the public.

Those who support the hunting and killing of wild animals for sport need to accept that their barbaric pastime is over and responsible politicians should act now to keep cruelty history.

John Cooper
Chairman, League Against Cruel Sports

Speaking up for ME

With the General Election fast approaching, now is the time to empower those who have long been neglected by successive governments to shape the future agenda.

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Action for ME and the Association of Young People with ME have produced a joint manifesto. We urge everyone with ME, together with their relatives and friends, to use this document to lobby their MP and all other parliamentary candidates.

It spells out the issues and demands answers on how each candidate would tackle them. By joining forces, a significant number of voters will be able to transform the collective voice of people with ME, a deafening cry that can no longer be ignored.

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Sir Peter Spencer, chief executive,
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Advice on teaching career

THE Training and Development Agency for Schools is hosting an exhibition to seek out new teaching talent.

The Train to Teach event is being held at London's Science Museum from Friday, March 5-Saturday, March 6, and will showcase the benefits of a career in education.

Graham Holley, chief executive of the Training and Development Agency, said: "We're searching for talented people to become teachers. Train to Teach is the ideal opportunity for those interested in teaching to find out more."

Entrance is free, but registration is advisable. To register visit www.teach.gov.uk/traintoteach.

From school to workplace

A MASTERCLASS is being held to help secondary pupils make the move into the workplace.

Around 120 students from across the county have been invited to the Kent County Council event at Ashford International Hotel on Wednesday, March 10.

They will be shown how to improve their employability skills through confidence workshops.

Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory actor Rusty Goffe talk about his career, and pupils can talk to employers in a series of networking challenges.

Help for dyslexic students

AN OPEN day is being held to promote vocational subjects within secondary education.

The event at North West Kent College in Gravesend will focus on dyslexic students and any fears they may have about their future.

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A GROUP of talented students from the University of Kent are getting ready to compete in one of the world's most prestigious economics competitions.

They will show off their skills at the BiTS University in Iserlohn, Germany, during the three-day Rubicon Contest 2010.

The annual competition attracts participants from across the globe, specifically focusing on those studying economics or business.

Alexandra Marsanu, Polina Blochina, Theo Thieffry and Thomas Christian make up the Kent team, called Mosaic, and will represent the UK in the battle against 24 other teams.

This year's theme is sustainability, with the team confident they can fulfil the tasks ahead, which involve computer simulations, problem-solving strategies and presentations of case studies.

They said: "We possess the experience and backgrounds that will benefit our team and will contribute to this competition in a constructive way to challenge and create sustainable solutions.

CHALLENGE: Rubicon contestants are ready for the prestige competition

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Bastian Bergmann, project co-ordinator at Rubicon, said 2010 was proving to be the best year yet for applicants, with more than 100 already registered.

"We have not received this many applications from so many different countries ever before," he said.

"The standard of the applications underlines the quality and popularity the Rubicon Contest has gained.

"For this reason we can claim to be the most international contest in the world."

Organisers were forced to increase the numbers of participating teams this year, after countries including Jordan, Pakistan, Egypt and India applied for the first time.

Malte Bruins, an organiser at the German university, said: "All teams are expecting an amazing Rubicon Contest and we are willing to make that happen, aiming high this year.

"The schedule is tight and the to-do list is unlimited, but we are not afraid to meet the challenge."

Winning teams will have awards and prizes presented to them in front of an academic, business and young professional jury.

For more about the contest see www.rubicon-contest.com.

Trades 'play important role'

ONE in five parents is pushing their children to train as electricians or plumbers, according to new research.

And despite most parents encouraging their offspring to become doctors or lawyers, many are saying that skilled tradesmen can provide an equally important service.

The survey, carried out by the Electrical Contractors Association (ECA) in Maidstone, revealed that most families would advise their children to become an electrician rather than a vet, teacher or pilot.

Howard Salmon, ECA South East regional manager, said: "What people don't realise is just how intricate and cutting edge some of the technology employed in landmark buildings, such as the Gherkin in central London, Wembley Stadium and other key developments, is," he said.

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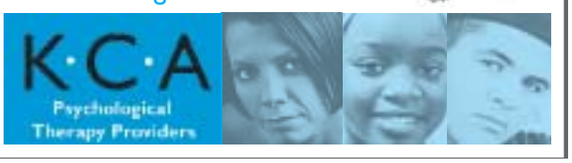

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IN MY VIEW

By Chris Britcher

Bergerac's a killer act to follow

MIDSOMER MURDERS (ITV1)

DCI Barnaby is to retire from Midsomer. That's the harsh reality myself and millions of fans have spent recent months having to come to terms with.

DCI Barnaby is going to replace him. And now we're having to get our head around that.

Because in what must have been something of a eureka moment for the scriptwriters of ITV1's finest long-running muder-mystery drama, John Nettles' decision to leave will become a family affair.

As he and wife Joyce ride off into the sunset next year, having decided to retire his truncheon after more than 80 episodes, it has been revealed he will be replaced by his cousin.

And as the new series got under way earlier this month we got our first ever glimpse of this newcomer. Like a child being gently introduced to his new step-father, we were shown the man who would soon play such a significant role in our lives.

Ladies and gentlemen, I present DCI John Barnaby. So long tubby, always smiling, Tom. Hello never-smiling, slightly surly John.

Actor Neil Dudgeon has some almighty shoes to fill. John Nettles has not only become synonymous with this series, he has pedigree too. He was, after all, once a cop in Jersey, going under his former name of Bergerac. We all knew he was a law-enforcer.

Dudgeon was once in comedy Life of Riley. It's not quite the same is it?

Bergerac, sorry, I mean Tom Barnaby, has grown used to the ridiculously high death rate in this so-called, but clearly not, sleepy county of Midsomer. Everyone knows him. Sure, they clearly don't respect him very much, as the minute he starts questioning them, they stroll off, crossly informing our hero they have better things to be doing. But he knows the patch. Our new same-blood, different-bloke Barnaby will find it something of a shock.

He may be patrolling the streets of Brighton right now, but while Brighton has, I'm sure, its fair share of violent crimes, the blood isn't flowing across the promenade in the same way it streams down the cobbled streets of whatever hamlet has been the scene of crime.

Crucially, however, I just hope he brings more warmth to the character than his first appearance suggests he will. He showed glimpses of a personality we could grow to like, but there was also an awful lot of scowling going on. And that's not what Midsomer Murders is all about.

Midsomer is a two-hour meander through classic middle England with bumbling Tom inexplicably the man tasked with solving the crime. He staggers up to solutions and he falls over clues. But we like him. We forgive his shortcomings.

John Barnaby needs to woo us. And he needs to hit the ground wooing. I await his arrival to replace his cousin with some trepidation.

CINEMA

THE LOVELY BONES (12A)

THERE is life after death in Peter Jackson's visually stunning interpretation of the best-seller by Alice Sebold, which proves to be one adaptation too far for the Oscar-winning director of The Lord Of The Rings trilogy and King Kong.

Cutting back and forth between the real world and a colour-saturated heavenly limbo, The Lovely Bones details the efforts of a murdered 14-year-old girl who helps her grieving father apprehend her killer.

In doing so, the girl's tortured spirit can attain lasting peace, along with the murderer's other victims.

Jackson's screenplay, co-written with wife Fran Walsh, and Philippa Boyens, is caught in its own limbo, unable to bridge the narrative divide between the corporeal and ethereal planes where the story unfolds.

A miasma of computer-generated special effects in the otherworldly sections, courtesy of the digital wizards at WETA, is distracting and we yearn for a speedy return to the drabness of reality. Fantasy is vastly over-rated.

The Lovely Bones is hamstrung by Mark Wahlberg's inability to convey a single genuine emotion as the dad. He wrings crocodile tears in vain, and tries to make us care about his patriarch's quest for vengeance.

Ironically, the dead have far more life, especially Saoirse Ronan who delivers Sebold's words in heart-tugging voiceover: "I would like to tell you that it is beautiful here, that I am, as you will one day be, forever safe... but it's not quite like that."

THE LAST STATION (15)

IT'S easy to appreciate creative genius, but it must be hell to live with it.

Based on the novel by Jan Parini, The Last Station is a love story set during the final year of Russian writer Leo Tolstoy's life, focusing on the terrible strain borne by his wife, the Countess.

Unable to live together under the same roof without descending into spiteful bickering, yet unwilling to live apart because of their deep love, the elderly couple play out these final months against a backdrop of political intrigue.

In truth, were it not for Christopher Plummer and Helen Mirren's Oscar nominations as Best Actor and Best Actress, Michael Hoffman's history lesson could have bypassed the big screen and debuted on DVD.

This is a handsome, Sunday afternoon costume drama with a fleeting sex scene to set pulses racing.

The Last Station hinges on the verbal sparring between Plummer's world weary artist, replete with beard, and Mirren's embittered spouse, who creates more drama than her husband could ever commit to the page.

"Tomorrow, I'll go to the station and lie down on the track. Tolstoy's wife becomes Anna Karenina herself. See how the papers will like that!" she screeches during one heated exchange.

"This is unbearable," retorts the author. "You don't want a husband. You want a Greek chorus!"

The tiny railway station at Astapovo provides a suitably cold setting for the characters' final moments together, when Sofya's frustrations with her husband's favourite daughter boil over – "You are a stone-hearted bitch... I lost five children. Why couldn't one of them have been you?" – and the Russian people bid farewell to a literary titan.

Grainy, black and white footage of the real Tolstoy and Countess, and the public outpouring of love and grief, give us pause for reflection over the end credits.

SOLOMON KANE (15)

MICHAEL J Bassett writes and directs this historical action adventure based on the character created by Robert E Howard.

In the battle for England's glory in the 16th century, Solomon Kane (James Purefoy) and his men leave nothing but death and destruction in their wake.

ADAPTATION: Peter Jackson may have gone too far with his version of The Lovely Bones

Merciless and utterly unstoppable, these warriors cut a swathe through all enemies, led by Solomon and his trademark pistols, cutlass and rapier.

During an expedition in northern Africa, Solomon storms a castle seeking treasure, only to see his men slain one by one by demonic creatures.

The Reaper comes for Solomon to claim his soul, and the only way to escape this hellish fate is for Solomon to renounce violence and his sins.

Returning to England, he befriends a Puritan, William Crowthorn (Pete Postlethwaite) and his family, and grows especially fond of daughter Meredith (Rachel Hurd-Wood).

When an evil overlord and his hordes kill the family and capture Meredith, Solomon risks his soul by returning to his old ways to launch a daring rescue mission.

A CLOSED BOOK (15)

SIR Paul (Tom Conti) is a well-respected author, whose entire world is shattered when he is involved in an accident that robs him of his eyesight.

Becoming a recluse with only his housekeeper Mrs Kilbride (Miriam Margolyes) to connect him to the outside world, Sir Paul struggles to come to terms with the loss of his most cherished sense.

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Now in its fourth year, Kent Big Day Out is offering an even wider choice of experiences, from discovering the dark secrets of Chislehurst Caves to marvelling at the skills of the Saxon Stars Cheerleading Squad.

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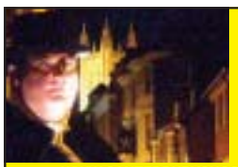

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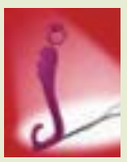

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PLAXTOL CHURCH

Claire Jones (pictured above)
February 27 at 7.30pm
The royal harpist returns to Plaxtol Music Festival to give a recital with percussionist, Chris Marshall. Jones is now in her third year as harpist to HRH The Prince of Wales and will be giving a workshop at Plaxtol Primary School on Friday. Tickets cost £15/£10. Download a booking form at www.plaxtolmusicfestival.co.uk.

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Paul Dunton & Guests
February 21 at 8pm
Sunday night's showcase of local music talent opens with Chantelle, followed by pianist Mike Orson. The entertainment continues with The Kitchen Poet before headline act, Violet Jive end the night. Entry is £5. See www.paulduntonandguests.com.

SOUNDS GOOD: Harpist Clare Jones, Blood Brothers and a tribute to the great Duke Ellington are all on offer this week

STAG THEATRE, SEVENOAKS

Pete Long's Echoes of Ellington (pictured below) February 27 at 7.30pm
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BY **CLARE GRANT**

A BELL clangs in the early evening gloom of a foggy Victorian street as the muffin man does his rounds.

In the tall, forbidding house which is becoming her prison, Bella Manningham is slowly losing her mind.

Her husband's tyranny, the insolence of her housemaid and the oppressive atmosphere of her home are driving her to breaking-point.

Meg Nutt is directing the atmospheric thriller Gaslight for Tunbridge Wells Theatre Club, Trinity's resident drama group.

She says: "Gaslight is a hybrid of a whodunnit and a psychological thriller and it's got some comedy in it. It's the story of a dubious character called Jack Manningham who is trying to drive his wife mad.

"It's set in gloomy Victorian London, in a four-storey house which has been left to Bella (the heroine). It's continuous action over one night when her husband is trying to punish her and make her believe she is going mad. Her mother died of insanity, so it's easy to make her believe."

Professionally trained actor Mrs Nutt works during the day for Pepenbury, helping to provide assisted living to adults with learning disabilities. She joined Tunbridge Wells Theatre Club when she first came to the town.

"I was really looking for a group of a high standard that I could join and I saw an ad in the paper for open auditions for She Stoops to Conquer, and they cast me in the lead role."

So what made Mrs Nutt pick Gaslight?

"I wanted to do a thriller. I quite like thrillers. Tunbridge Wells Theatre Club does four productions a year which is quite a busy programme so we try and mix it up a bit. The last play they did was a comedy.

"The one after this is The Winslow Boy. I've been reading all different kinds of thrillers and I got the script of Gaslight and I liked it. There aren't many good modern thrillers about." She adds that Rope, another thriller by the same playwright – Patrick Hamilton – is on in the West End at the moment.

Gaslight has been made into films three times – the most famous is the 1944 Hollywood version which starred Ingrid Bergman and Angela Lansbury.

Mrs Nutt says: "Angela Lansbury made her debut at 18 as the maid. It's a very good film – very well made. It got seven Oscar nominations, and won two."

Another less famous, but still very well-respected version is the 1940 British version – which is sometimes known as Angel Street to avoid confusion with the 1944 version.

But the title Gaslight has a specific significance according to Mrs Nutt: "The houses were lit by gas and every time the husband goes out the gas light fades, which means there's someone else in the house because the pressure drops when another light goes on."

Mrs Nutt hints at a heartbreaking scene in which Bella tells a visitor to the house of running from room to room looking for the intruder – although this is the least of the beleaguered wife's worries.

"Her husband gives her things, and they disappear and he accuses her of losing them or giving them away. She used once to be a beauty and now is pale and wan and pallid with dark circles around her eyes."

The play, which was written just after the First World War, was not popular when it came out, partly, Mrs Nutt suspects, because it deals with female suppression.

"In Victorian times, the husband more or less came and went as he liked – he could just go out to dinner and leave the wife behind."

Mrs Nutt comments that because of the theme, there is a lot of gender stereotyping in the play - an autocratic husband with the cowed wife. "It's vital to have those things in the play because it adds to the atmosphere."

Although the play has a far-fetched thriller storyline, Mrs Nutt was determined to honour the realism of the script, and she is using the set design to help with this.

"I didn't want Hammer House of Horror. It's very real. I'm trying very hard to work with my

DRIVEN MAD: Watch the story of heroine Bella Manningham in this production of Gaslight

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When he has set his seeds out as desired, he gently presses them into the soil end-on to a depth of 5cm and covers them over. If it is cold Dirty Nails puts cloches over the top to keep the seedbed warmer.

Home-grown broads really do taste completely different to shop-bought, and are highly nutritious. With luck, a sowing this week will be producing pods of fat beans around mid-summer.

Some facts about the broad bean:

Scientifically, the broad bean is Vicia faba, also known as the 'fava bean'. Horse bean or field bean are other alternatives, although these last two names generally refer to crops that are commonly grown as animal fodder.

Broads popular for human consumption nowadays are larger-seeded varieties. Native to North Africa and south west Asia, these beans are believed to have been part of the European diet even before 6000BC.

They were particularly popular in the Stone Age Mediterranean region. European folklore has it that planting this crop either on Good Friday or at night time is a harbinger of good luck.

Broad beans are rich in protein, so much so that they have been called 'vegetable meat'. Vitamins A and C are readily available, so too phosphorous. Broads contain the cancer-fighting substance lectin, so may help in this department also.

BEAN FEAST: Above, now is the time to get your broad beans planted ready for picking in mid-summer; and you can begin to plant lettuces (right) in the greenhouse now, or indoors

SOWING LETTUCES

In the greenhouse, or indoors, Dirty Nails has been sowing lettuces. Iceberg 'Talia' or 'Lobjoits Green Cos' are ideal for sowing now, 5mm deep and 25mm apart, in trays of moist compost. As soon as the second pair of true leaves are forming he gets them out into the sunniest spot possible. Dirty Nails pegs plastic bells over his first outdoor lettuces, which brings them on a treat. With a bit of luck these lettuces will be ready for cutting and eating by late April or early May. This is one of those early-season moments that makes life worth living.

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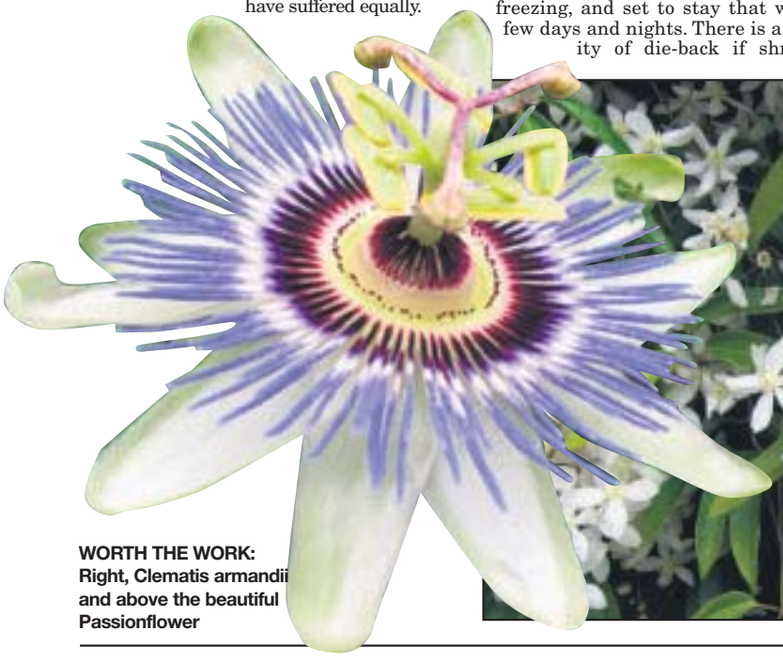
By JANE JEWIT

Protecting our passion through harsh winters

THIS winter is already in the record books, here in the UK it was the coldest for 30 years and globally the coldest for 60 years.

So much for my intention to reduce my central heating bills, keep working in the garden and keep my pelargoniums blooming in the greenhouse all winter.

It is said that a cold winter is the gardener's best friend. Prolonged freezing temperatures will have killed off many garden pests; but that goes across the board, and the good bugs will have suffered equally.



WORTH THE WORK: Right, Clematis armandii and above the beautiful Passionflower

So what to do now? If you have shrubs with branches hanging twisted or broken, don't be tempted to prune them until the temperature is at least two degrees above freezing, and set to stay that way for a few days and nights. There is a possibility of die-back if shrubs are pruned when the weather is very cold.

Don't be too hasty to pull up dead looking scraps that were last summer's pride and joy. Wait till the end of April before acting, and that at the very earliest. I can tell you that last summer a rather tender passionflower waited until August before it showed any signs of growth at all. No doubt it will do the same again this year.

The winter snow and cold followed a very wet autumn. When the cold weather came along, the saturated ground froze, and plants on poorly drained soils will have suffered a double whammy. If you have heavy clay soil, you will have to keep your fingers crossed for many weeks to come.

And now we are looking forward to the warmer days, the start of spring and the planting season. What will I be doing in my garden? Will my compost heap be full of dead and damaged plants and will my car be overflowing with fully hardy plants, good stalwarts that will not let me down whatever the weather?

No, I will continue to plant half-hardy shrubs, as usual. I will site them away from frost pockets and the early morning sun, and shelter them between other hardier specimens. I am prepared to coax them through their first few winters until they develop a good woody structure, which will give them a degree of protection against cold spells.

I will add loads of organic matter to improve the soil structure, to improve drainage on heavy soil and improve water-holding capacity on light soils. That is the best insurance policy to help young plants get through a difficult season. Good drainage is the key to getting many of our garden plants through the winter.

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Cut the confusion over

By HANNAH STEPHENSON

I LOVE the huge flowers of hybrid clematis as they climb up trellis and fencing, or weave their way through less interesting shrubs, wrap themselves around tree trunks and scramble over old walls to create a burst of colour, often in shadier places.

They make perfect companions entwined with deliciously scented climbing roses covering arches and pagodas in the romantic garden, or simply climbing up unsightly walls or fences to act as a colourful screen.

In fact, different types of clematis can provide you with flowers for most of the year.

Yet, clematis are the climbers which cause the most confusion when it comes to pruning because there are three groups of them, and if you prune the wrong type at the wrong time you'll ruin your chances for blooms this year.

Group 1 clematis, which flower in spring, bloom on stems which grew the previous year and are generally pruned after flowering. They are often rampant growers with large numbers of relatively small flowers – C macropetala and C montana are well-known examples, although C alpina, cirrhosa and amandii also fall into this group. Prune them straight after flowering by clipping the sideshoots back to a few buds of the main framework.

They should not be pruned in the winter, or you'll cut off all the shoots and lose the new season's flowers.

Now is the time to prune summer-flowering clematis, the Group 2 types, which bloom on stems produced in the current season. They are pruned in late winter or early spring to remove much of last year's growth. If left unchecked they will produce flowers, but they will tend to be at the end of the plant where you probably won't be able to see them.

Group 2 clematis include many of the large-flowered hybrids, including the most famous pink striped variety 'Nelly

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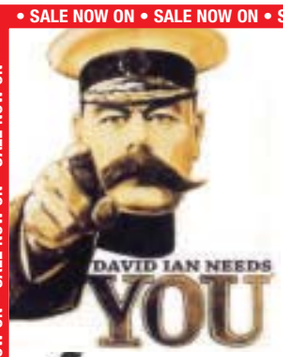

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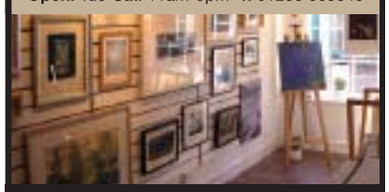

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clematis

Moser', the rich purple 'The President' and other popular types including 'Marie Boisselot' and 'Lasurstern'.

The aim with pruning Group 2 clematis is to retain a framework of old wood, and also to stimulate new shoots to maximise flowering throughout the season.

Unless the plant already has three or four healthy stems growing from the base, all newly planted clematis should be pruned back hard the first spring after planting. Cut back to just above a strong pair of leaf buds about 30cm above soil level. This will encourage multiple stems which can be trained into supports to give a good coverage.

With established plants, remove dead or weak stems before growth begins, check individual stems from the top down until you reach a pair of healthy buds, and prune just above them, removing the spindly or damaged growth above. The ones that flower first in early summer, and again in late summer, need a tidy-up rather than a heavy prune.

Those which must be pruned now are those which don't start flowering until June, and keep going until the autumn, as they make vigorous growth and only flower on the very ends of the shoots.

They can be cut back to a pair of fresh green buds about 30cm in early spring, and then new growth tied into the supports.

Some mid-to-late summer flowering clematis can be treated as either Group 2 or Group 3, as desired, including 'Comtesse de Bouchaud', 'Gipsy Queen' and 'Hagley Hybrid'.

Group 3 are late summer and autumn-flowering clematis including viticella and texensis and some large-flowered types including 'Niobe', 'Perle d'Azure' and 'Ernest Markham'. They flower on both last year's and the current season's growth.

In the first year, prune them back in late winter or early spring to the lowest pair of healthy-looking buds you can find, which will be about 30-90cm above the ground.

This may mean cutting off green, healthy shoots, but the plant will reshoot from the base and be better for it.

Clematis viticella

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By **GABRIELLE FAGAN**

IF YOU'RE craving excitement and glamour in your life to lighten the gloom of winter, you could indulge in a flirtation at home – with the East.

Exotic oriental accessories and glossy, lacquered furniture in Chinese style could be just what your rooms, and your spirits, need to lift them out of the doldrums.

And as this year, Chinese New Year coincided with Valentine's Day last Sunday, it could be the ideal time to open your heart and your home to this look.

"There's a beauty and sensuality about the design and decoration of this furniture which is the secret of its enduring appeal," said Jemma Page, founder and partner at Orchid Furniture, which specialises in antique, reproduction and restored Chinese furniture.

"Nowadays people are seeking special pieces that give rooms personality, character and the ultimate 'wow' factor. Chinese furniture, with its elegance and craftsmanship, fulfils all those expectations."

As in any new relationship, it's wise to take things slowly. Experiment initially with beautiful ornaments to add a touch of luxury – a bowl or vase in glowing gold or vibrant red as both these colours are traditionally considered lucky in Chinese culture.

If they win you over, take things a step further and invest in a 'star' feature, such as a sleek, glossy, lacquered sideboard or perhaps a colourful cabinet embellished with butterflies and flowers.

"Modern interiors have moved away from a total 'look' where rooms are dominated by one style or design. A one-off piece looks much more striking and well-planned than an entire 'themed' room," says Page.

"And the classic design and clean lines of this furniture allow it to fit comfortably into any setting, from period through to contemporary."

There's no need to get your passport out and travel far afield if you have a yen for the style.

Choose from our selection to satisfy a fling – or go wild as it is the year of the Tiger – and have a full-on exotic affair.

BLOSSOM: Top, World of Colour Misaki red and chocolate wallcovering £10.99 per roll; above, ladies' cabinet £595 from Shimu.co.uk

Oriental retreat

"Eastern rooms are characterised by their simplicity, order and symmetry, which makes them serene, peaceful and relaxing," said Charlotte Boyd, style editor at House Beautiful magazine.

"Paint walls in neutrals as a perfect backdrop to show off stunning pieces of dark wood furniture, but if that's too cool for you, be inspired by the Chinese colour palette.

"It's dominated by reds, and a vivid shade could be used effectively for drama on a feature wall."

Eastern destinations: Designer Kevin McCloud has three appropriate shades, inspired by the East, in his paint collection for Fired Earth. Look for Cinnabar Red, Cochineal or Madder Red.

STATEMENT: Above, Black lacquer CD cabinet, £525, from Supatra; right, Fu dogs set £40 at John Lewis

style off the design menu

Alternatively, follow the trend for decorative wallpaper, with Farrow & Ball's Bamboo range, available in 30 colour choices.

Bargain buy: Focus DIY has chosen cherry blossom, China's signature bloom, for its Misaki wallpaper, £10.99 a roll.

Dragons' den

"Chinese furniture is generally compact in size and shallow in depth so it doesn't dominate in rooms," says Jemma Page.

"Dark or lacquered furniture is enduringly popular, but we've seen a growing demand for colourful, wedding cabinets embellished with decoration.

"These were traditionally given by a bride as her dowry to her husband on the eve of her wedding."

Eastern destinations: It's easy to suit your taste and your pocket at Orchid Furniture, which has a contemporary reproduction range as well as antiques and skilfully restored pieces.

Wedding cabinets start from around £1,400, an elm trunk in cinnabar red, £440, or a red and black console table, £690.

There's plenty to be inspired by in Oka's collection, with a significant range of black lacquer furniture, and Chinese water colour paintings starting from £199.

Check out its Stola dining table, £1,165, Harold chair, £285, and my favourite and it's newest addition, a red lacquer circular Voyage coffee table, which starts from £179.

Bargain buy: Win compliments for your taste by making a feature of a red Kyra cabinet, £299, from John Lewis. It's decorated with butterflies, and a large brass lock. Eye-catching locks were originally a sign of status and wealth.

Eastern dreams

It's easy to make an Eastern dream a reality if you choose furniture and accessories in this style for the bedroom.

"Glossy dark lacquered pieces are glamorous but easy on the eye, so are particularly suitable for a bedroom," says Colin McIntosh, director at Supatra, a specialist in oriental furniture.

Eastern destinations: Get the essence of the style at Shimu, whose classical Chinese furniture is handmade in elmwood by craftsmen in Shanghai using skills and techniques that have been passed down through generations.

Most pieces in the collection are reproductions of classic designs from China's Ming dynasty, while others are contemporary in style. A ladies' cabinet, £595, and an unusual black lacquer, Wave trunk, £455.

A boudoir's incomplete without a mirror. Oka's Nankin mirror, £345, is from its hand painted Chinoiserie collection, a key art form where furniture is embellished with Chinese designs.

Bedding scattered with pink cherry blossom would complete the look, and House of Fraser's aptly named, Chinoiserie collection could be perfect. Double duvet cover £70.

Bargain buy: Scotts of Stow's red lacquered Butterfly cabinet, £99.95.

Exotic touches

"Reduce the clutter, essential for an air of tranquility, with black lacquered storage or hide it behind a black lacquered screen," said Alison Cork, cost-conscious home design expert and founder of www.homesandbargains.co.uk.

Eastern destinations: Bring a sense of order by storing clothes, treasures and CDs in black lacquered former medicine cabinet with 12 drawers, £525, one of the striking pieces in Supatra's range.

In China, the colour red signifies a desire to express oneself, and John Lewis has a creative collection of accessories in the shade.

A red and black Earthenware rice bowl, £4, an Oriental style Fanfare bolster cushion, £49, in red and white by Neisha Crosland, and a striking pair of red Fu dogs, £40.

The latter, or 'temple lions', are commonly placed on windowsills and by doors to ward off enemies.

Bargain buy: Evoke the spirit of the East with a sitting Buddha, £19.99 from Sainsbury's.

EASTERN PROMISE: Left, Kyra medium cabinet, £299 from John Lewis; above, OKA furniture and accessories from £20; right, House of Fraser Chinoiserie bedding from £12

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designer to get that frightening claustrophobic feeling – we're using dark greens and reds. But I don't want to cross that line between realism and pantomime."

She adds: "I have got a terrific group in it who are working very hard to give us a good performance, so let's hope it all works out."

Gaslight will be playing at Trinity Theatre, Tunbridge Wells, from Tuesday to Saturday, February 23-27 at 8pm, with a matinee on the Wednesday and the Saturday. Tickets are £12.50 for evening performances and £7.50 for the matinees. On Tuesday two tickets are available for £17.50. To book call 01892 678678 or see www.trinitytheatre.net

More about Tunbridge Wells Theatre Club can be found at www.ttctw.com or by asking at Trinity Theatre, where the club is based. The summer production will be The Winslow Boy.

Mrs Nutt says: "Members also become members of Trinity, so you get all the perks like ticket concessions. We do have quite an active social calendar and we are always looking for people to work backstage."

She adds that the club can also help people who are keen to learn more about directing, too.

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WEEKEND • FOOD AND DRINK

With MELISSA WOODLAND

AS PART of our look at high street heroes, we're staying close to home in Tunbridge Wells this week to visit a recently-opened deli just around the corner from the railway station.

Aubergine was opened by Kevin and Deborah Packebusch in October last year and has already established a loyal fan base. In their first family venture, the couple has created a lovely little shop where you can pick up a take away lunch, some gourmet coffee or a few tasty locally-produced preserves.

Their delicious sandwiches are filled with slices of home-cooked beef or you can choose something from the cheese counter.

On a cold day, it's worth opting for some of Deborah's fresh soup which she makes from scratch every morning or a slice of her Spanish omelet.

Though they get their brie from France, Aubergine sources produce locally wherever possible. Their apple juice is from Wadhurst and their pickles and preserves are made by a chap who grows his own ingredients.

We love the homely feel of this bijou deli – from the mouth-watering smells coming from the on-site kitchen to the funky food-inspired 'kitchen art' on the walls (also created by Deborah).

Visit them the next time you fancy something different for lunch. You won't be disappointed.

Aubergine is open Monday to Saturday 9am-5.30pm.

Find out which fish of the day is in season

LAST week we began to look at how we can use produce that is in season at the moment.

We started with cabbage, but cooking and eating seasonally isn't limited to vegetables.

So this week, we've popped into Sankey's to ask Tunbridge Wells' resident fish expert, Matt Sankey, what we should be eating now.

Matt said: "In the UK, we are blessed with one of the largest ranges of edible fish in the world, so no matter what the time of year we have a great amount of choice on the fishmongers' show.

"If you eat a lot of fish you will notice that during the early part of the year flat fish species such as turbot, brill, lemon sole, Dover sole, megrim, witch sole, plaice and dab (to name a few) tend to carry larger amounts of roe than usual. It's their spawning season and it lasts into early spring.

"We also see a plethora of wild bass and black bream this time of year too – fishermen tend to target round fish so as to leave the spawning flat fish alone.

"Keep your eye out for squid too – they are abundant as they tend to come in shore away from the deep seas to escape the extreme cold.

"My pick would be a good-sized line-caught sea bass, big enough to feed four, packed in Maldon sea salt and baked in the oven. Serve it simply, with some nice steamed vegetables, like savoy cabbage or leeks."

Top tip: If you are not a fan of fish roe (many people are) ask your fishmonger to either remove it or to select a male fish for you.

SEA FOOD: Flat fish are a particularly good bet at this tme of year

IN BRIEF

Going Stateside

Fiery Chef Gordon Ramsey is heading to the USA again this spring.

His Kitchen Nightmares series is back on Channel Four this week and he's giving tough love to another set of failing restaurants.

It's fair to expect a few tears and tantrums. Fridays at 9pm.

Not so bad

Previously shunned by many because it was seen as being 'bad' for you, butter is back on the menu.

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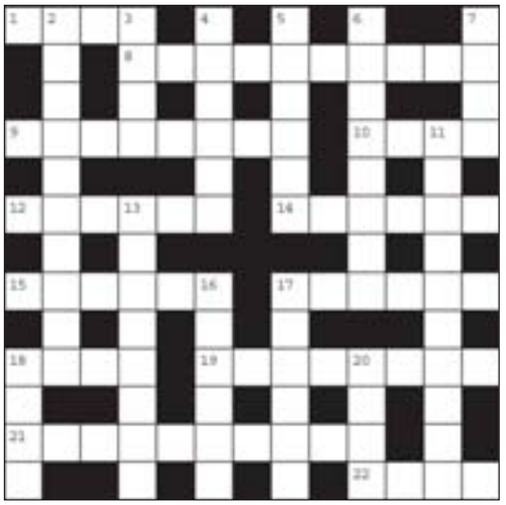

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CRYPTIC CLUES

Across

1. Uninteresting accommodation? (4)
8. The result of striking another match (10)
9. Produced a score without being flustered (8)
10. Does some shooting – arrest on return (4)
12. Noblemen put nothing in storehouses (6)
14. Almost the last conveyance for a foreign seaman (6)
15. Forceful company fellow (6)
17. Unusual German receptacle for fodder (6)
18. Some of the brandy essence changes colour (4)
19. A red lime could be beneficial to health (8)
21. One in charge of splendid load on the ship? (10)
22 & 7 Down. Work longer hours, being far from placid (8)

Down

2. Where experiments are made with Labour speech-making (10)
3 & 20 Down. Presumably there'll be a catch to this opening! (4-4)
4. Diverts us in the same arrangement (6)
5. A restraint, we hear, concerning the nuptials (6)
6. Stop being paid up before a lad (8)
7. See 22 Across
11. Commerce notes manufacturers' labels (5-5)
13. Foreman prophet? (8)
16. Car reversed in the Greek region (6)
17. More disturbed i my recollection (6)
18. The record is held in District Columbia (4)
20. See 3 Down

QUICK CLUES

Across

1. Slight quarrel (4)
8. Unrelenting (10)
9. Of the home (8)
10. Pile (4)
12. Indifference (6)
14. Cowardly (6)
15. Lapwing (6)
17. Parched (6)
18. Minus (4)
19. Ultimate (8)
21. Law-maker (10)
22. Pitcher (4)

Down

2. Imperfect (10)
3. Penalty (4)
4. Sentinel (6)
5. Irritable (6)
6. Single man (8)
7. Profound (4)
11. Hateful (10)
13. Municipality (8)
16. Threefold (6)
17. Agreement (6)
18. Calm (4)
20. Weary (4)

CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS 374: Across: 7 Order; 8 Hitches; 9 Tractor; 10 Reins; 12 Ice-breaker; 15 Second-hand; 18 Still; 19 Needled; 21 Resides; 22 Alarm. Down: 1 Fortresses; 2 Ideal; 3 Fret; 4 Cherub; 5 Surgeon; 6 Shrieks; 11 Struck dumb; 13 Conclude; 14 Eclipse 16 Honest; 17 Pleas; 20 Elan. **QUICK SOLUTIONS 375:** Across: 1 Tiff; 8 Inexorable; 9 Domestic; 10 Heap; 12 Apathy; 14 Yellow; 15 Pewit; 17 Torrid; 18 Less; 19 Eventual; 21 Legislator; 22 Ever. Down: 2 Incomplete; 3 Fine; 4 Sentry; 5 Touchy; 6 Bachelor; 7 Deep; 11 Abominable; 13 Township; 16 Treble; 17 Treaty; 18 Lull; 20 Tire.

• The winner of the last crossword (no 374) is George Tyson, Tunbridge Wells

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Wardrobe workout

KEY PIECES: Julie Hurst, top left, has some advice for putting your wardrobe on a diet

IN BRIEF

It's in the detail

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Must-have

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Tickets are £15 from 01892 520587.

Good cause

If you're looking for a new lip colour, head to Bluewater and help out a good cause at the same time.

The Clinique Kiss it Better Appeal in aid of Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity is under way once again and the I Heart Kisses lipgloss is exclusively available in House of Fraser.

Two pounds from each one sold goes to help research into childhood cancers.

WEEKEND • FEMALE

With **MELISSA WOODLAND**

IF YOU'RE anything like me, you'll spend a significant amount of time in the morning stood in front of your wardrobe wondering what on earth you're going to wear.

Multiply that by the number of days a week you do it and it adds up to a lot of wasted time.

So to help you out we've teamed up with Julie Hurst from Signature Style to share a few tips to save you time and increase your style credentials.

Julie says if your wardrobe is filled with pieces you no longer wear, it's probably time to let them go.

"Sometimes, giving a lot of clothes away is just too big a step. If you're not quite ready, sort out what you don't wear and simply store the items elsewhere.

"If after a month or two you haven't given them a second thought, you may then be ready to part company."

So how do you choose what to keep and what to throw?

- Don't hang onto things in the hope they will come back into fashion. Despite the regular recycling of styles from decades past, the updated versions are always a little different.
- Be aware of those pieces you have a tendency to overdose on. You don't necessarily have to get rid of any of them; just keep in mind how many of any one type of clothing you have next time you find yourself heading to the cash desk.
- Take a long, hard look at those clothes that no longer fit or flatter you. If you have been hanging onto them until you drop a dress size, then try to be honest with yourself. If in your heart of hearts you know you have set yourself an unrealistic goal, then take a trip to a tailor to see if they can be altered so that you can enjoy wearing them now.
- Discard any items that really can't be repaired. Clothes worn to a sheen from dry cleaning or with immovable stains should be consigned to the bin.

Most importantly, carefully consider how you are going to dispose of those unwanted, but still wearable items. Clothes that are simply no longer 'you' may be perfect for someone else, so offset your closet footprint by taking them to your favourite charity.

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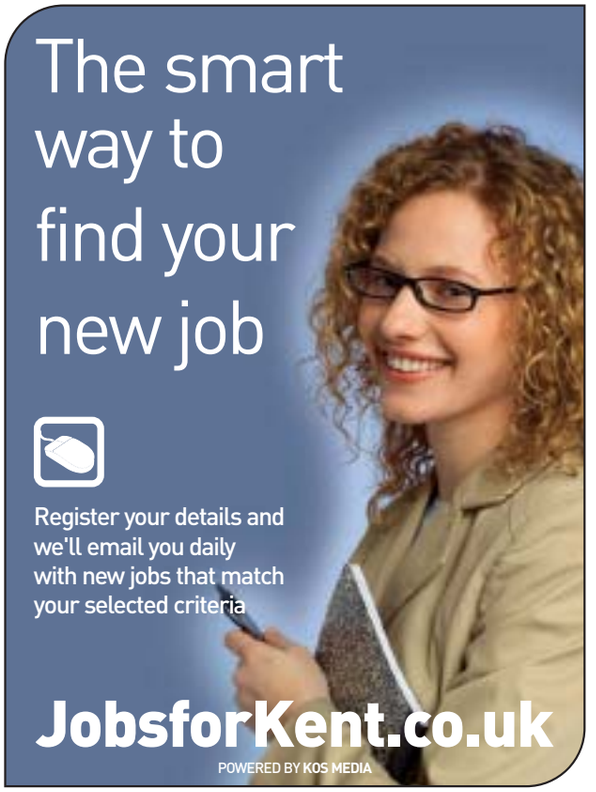

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Canterbury
Salary: £25,000 - £30,000
Closing Date: 24th February 2010
Visit Kent is the official tourism delivery body for Kent. We are a public/private sector partnership supporting Kent's £2.5 bn visitor economy. We are expanding our team thanks to support from our stakeholders and successful applications for grant aid from the EU 2 Seas Interreg IV A Programme. We are seeking energetic and experienced individuals who first and foremost love Kent and are passionate about encouraging visitors to Kent. Finance Coordinator (French speaker preferred), Canterbury based but able to travel to Maidstone approximately twice a week and to France, The Netherlands and Belgium periodically for meetings. The focus of the role will be the preparation of monthly management accounts, budgeting and forecasting, cash flow, organising and supporting external audit of EU 2 Seas Interreg IVa projects, monitoring of project budgets and budget holders. Must have excellent systems skills (Excel & Sage) and be capable of robust and detailed analysis as well as the ability to liaise at senior levels. Experience in a financial environment and with European projects preferred. Relevant tertiary qualifications required although candidates actively studying will be considered. Salary £25,000 - £30,000 Visit www.visitkent.co.uk for more details of the positions and application details. For further information, please contact Sharon Dawson on 01227 862789 or sharon.dawson@visitkent.co.uk Closing date for applications: 24th February 2010
To apply/more information:
Visit Kent
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 862789
Email sharon.dawson@visitkent.co.uk

Experienced PAYE Administrator

Dartford
Salary: TBA
We are a local firm of accountants that have a vacancy for an Experienced PAYE Administrator You must have experience dealing with payrolls, ideally for a number of companies not just one in-house company, and you must have detailed knowledge on holiday entitlements, sick pay, redundancy and all the statutory aspects of payroll. A knowledge of the CIS systems, to cover CIS returns occasionally, is also needed. Please include the salary that you are looking for in your application. All applicants must be able to drive due to the location of our offices. Please send a CV to: Mr M Kayes Riddingtons Ltd The Lodge Darenth Hill Darenth Kent DA2 7QR or email: mike@riddingtons.co.uk
To apply/more information:
Riddingtons & Riddingtons Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email mike@riddingtons.co.uk

Administration, Secretarial, PA

Secretary

Tunbridge Wells
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: Friday 26th February 2010
Secretary- Part time 30 hours per week We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated and forward thinking individual to provide secretarial and administrative service in our busy friendly Residential Home for physically disabled adults. This is a challenging but very rewarding role. If you enjoy meeting people, possess excellent IT and communication skills, well organised and good office experience we would like to hear from you. For an application form and job description, please contact us on 01892 531138 during office hours, closing date Monday 8th February 2010
To apply/more information:
Leonard Cheshire Disability
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01892 531138
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Assistant to the Parish Clerk

Folkestone
Salary: £16,054 - £18,453 pro rata
Closing Date: Friday 19 March 2010
To apply/more information:
Hawkinge Parish Council
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email Clerk@hawkingepc.org.uk

PA/EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

Kent
Salary: £19,000 per year
HIGH CALIBRE PA/EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT Required for the Director of the London Based Commercial Company Salary: £19,000 per year (OTE up to £37,000) Contract: Permanent Working from Home. Full Apple Mac book and iPhone to be provided. This is a highly prestigious role working for a very well respected businessman in London. Working as part of an incredibly slick and polished team. Based in London SW1, we are looking for an experienced and traditional PA/Executive Assistant to support our team. You will be looking after a huge client database, required to arrange meetings and plan presentations, also providing support to other sales consultants. Liaising with high profile clients within the UK and able to develop strong working relationships. You will have had previous experience where you have supported someone with very high expectations. The role involves upmost discretion as you are dealing with high-net worth clients on a day-to-day basis. You will have excellent attention to detail, a well-spoken telephone manner and have good administration and secretarial experience. Please send your CV to: admin@redstarfireandsecurity.com F.A.O Lee Reid
To apply/more information:
Redstar Fire & Secutiry
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email admin@redstarfireandsecurity.com

Child Care

Registered Manager

London
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 1st March 2010
As a growing childcare organisation we are looking to recruit an experienced Registered Manager for our 6 bedded Children's Home in the South London area. You will need to be able to demonstrate your experience and passion in working with young people with emotional and behavioural difficulties. We are looking for an enthusiastic and motivated person with excellent organisational, interpersonal and multitasking skills who will lead and manage their team of support workers. The ideal candidate will hold a NVQ 3, NVQ 4 or Registered Manager Award, Children and Young People (or equivalent) or be working towards this qualification and also hold a full driving licence. This is a full time position and the successful applicant will be expected to work alongside a rota and cover on call responsibilities as required. The post is subject to an enhanced CRB Disclosure. We offer a competitive salary, excellent supervision and Training package allowing the opportunity for personal development. For further information and to download an Application Form please visit our website www.theboulters.com or contact Margaret on 01795 845810 Closing date for Application Forms 1st March 2010 Interviews for those shortlisted will commence 8th March 2010
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Boulters, The
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 845810
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Construction, Architecture, Surveyors

CARPENTER

Hythe
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Domestic

OFFICE CLEANERS - Stourmouth

Kent
Salary: £12pw
OFFICE CLEANERS NEEDED Stourmouth Fri 18:00 – 19:30 £12pw Barham Mon – Fri 08:00 – 09:00 £30pw Please call 01622 882492
To apply/more information:
Minster Cleaning Services
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Tel: 01622 882492
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OFFICE CLEANERS

Kent
Salary: £30pw
OFFICE CLEANERS NEEDED Stourmouth Fri 18:00 – 19:30 £12pw Barham Mon – Fri 08:00 – 09:00 £30pw Please call 01622 882492
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Education, Teacher, School

Graduate Teacher Programme - Mathematics and Science

Aylesford
Salary: Unqualified Scale
Closing Date: 4th March 2010
Aylesford School – Sports College is committed to providing high quality Initial Teacher Training. Through our dedicated support structures and innovative approaches to Learning and Teaching we provide a comprehensive programme to support colleagues who are keen to follow this challenging yet rewarding route into teaching. We are seeking to appoint suitable candidates to undertake teacher training via the Graduate Teacher Programme in both Maths and Science. The staff at the School are dedicated, innovative and progressive, together with being supportive of each other at all levels. The School is pro-active in encouraging personal development and career progression. Aylesford School – Sports College School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Therefore the post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Check via the Criminal Records Bureau.
To apply/more information:
Jill McKenna
Aylesford School - Sports College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01622 717341
Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

NVQ ASSESSOR

Gravesend
Salary: TBA
NVQ ASSESSOR DTUK is a young, progressive company looking for NVQ Assessors in Retail, Customer Service & Administration. Our Ofsted Grade 1 along with our embracement of E Learning, we believe, offers something unique to the right individual. Qualifications not necessary, just commitment to want to succeed. Excellent communication & IT skills essential. Own car is preferable. Salary will depend on experience. Please apply online at www.DTUK4LEARNERS.co.uk/JOBS
To apply/more information:
Davidson Training UK Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Graduate Trainee in Citizenship

Canterbury
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: Friday 26th February 2010
Twin Specialisms: Business & Enterprise and Visual, Creative & Performing Arts Required for September 2010 Would you like to train to be a teacher in a supportive environment with excellent facilities and students who want to learn? If so, you may wish to join us, at Spires Academy, from September 2010, as a Graduate Trainee. We are looking to off er a Graduate Trainee place in the subject area of: Citizenship Spires Academy opened in September 2007 and achieved excellent results at KS4 in our fi rst year with GCSE results in English and Maths rising from 18% to 32%. Student numbers in Year 7 have doubled and admission applications continue to grow. There is a real sense of optimism in our community, a 'can do' mentality. Further details and an application form are available from Marion Wigington at m.wigington@spiresacademy.com or ring 01227 710392, for an information pack. Closing date: 12.00 noon, Friday 26th February 2010 Spires Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be subject to appropriate child protection screening including checks with previous employers and the Criminal Records Bureau.
To apply/more information:
Spires Academy
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 710392
Email m.wigington@spiresacademy.com

TEMPORARY TEACHER FOR PUPILS WITH LEARNING DIFFICULTIES

Medway
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 5th March 2010
We are currently looking for... TEMPORARY TEACHER FOR PUPILS WITH SEVERE AND PROFOUND LEARNING DIFFICULTIES STARTING 19TH APRIL UNTIL 23RD JULY 2010 (FIXED TERM CONTRACT) MPS + 2 SEN Points The school is located in pleasant surroundings and we have educational resources of enviable proportions. This post would suit newly qualified teachers or those wishing to gain further experience of SEN. Comprehensive induction and training will be provided. Telephone enquiries and informal visits to the school welcomed. This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. Due to the conditions and complex needs of the pupils at Abbey Court School, continuity and consistency of support is paramount and therefore candidates for all positions will need to commit to the full working hours of the post. Closing Date: 5th March 2010 For further details and a job description, please contact Linda Taylor, Business Manager, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Rochester, Kent ME2 3SP (Tel: 01634 338236)
To apply/more information:
Abbey Court School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 338236
Email tayll036@medway.org.uk

CLERICAL OFFICER

Medway
Salary: £15,039 - £19,126 (pro rata)
Closing Date: 5th March 2010
We are currently looking for a PART TIME CLERICAL OFFICER Medway Scale D2, points 12 – 21 £15,039 - £19,126 (pro rata) Abbey Court School caters for pupils aged 4-19 years with severe learning difficulties and is located on two sites at Strood and Rainham. The new appointment will be expected to work 20 hours per week (5 x 4 hour mornings), term time only to undertake reception/administrative duties at the school. We are looking for somebody with: • Good level of education, with GCSE's (or equivalent) in Maths and English • Experience of using Microsoft Office (particularly Word and Excel) • Excellent organisational skills and attention to detail • Knowledge of school office work desirable • Enthusiasm and a good sense of humour This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. Due to the conditions and complex needs of the pupils at Abbey Court School, continuity and consistency of support is paramount and therefore candidates for all positions will need to commit to the full working hours of the post. Closing Date: 5th March 2010 For further details and a job description, please contact Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Rochester, Kent, ME2 3SP. (Tel: 01634 338236), stating the position for which you are applying. Please note CV's will not be accepted.
To apply/more information:
Abbey Court School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 338236
Email tayll036@medway.org.uk

Science Graduate Teacher

Rochester
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Principal: Ian Johnson

Twin Specialisms: Business & Enterprise and Visual, Creative & Performing Arts

Required for September 2010
Would you like to train to be a teacher in a supportive environment with excellent facilities and students who want to learn? If so, you may wish to join us, at Spires Academy, from September 2010, as a Graduate Trainee. We are looking to offer a Graduate Trainee place in the subject area of:

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Closing date: 12.00 noon, Friday 26th February 2010

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Consultant for Minority Ethnic Achievement (Traveller Education) Ref: CA0973C

Salary: Soulbury points 10-12 £42,227 – £44,454 per annum
Hours: 37 per week Location: Children and Adults – learning and caring directorate, Gun Wharf, Dock Road, Chatham

We are looking for a consultant with substantial and proven successful teaching and management experience in school for 19 April 2010 or as soon as possible thereafter, to be responsible for Minority Ethnic Achievement, and in particular for Traveller Education. The postholder will:

- provide training and school based consultancy to Medway primary and secondary schools to raise standards of teaching and learning and attainment for vulnerable pupils with a focus on minority ethnic pupils and in particular Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) pupils.
- assist in monitoring, evaluating and reporting on the progress and impact of provisions for vulnerable pupils in particular, GRT pupils in Medway schools.
- contribute to the raising of standards and improving inclusion of vulnerable pupils in Medway schools through training, challenge and support, and advice as required.

The postholder will be part of the Minority Ethnic Achievement Team and work alongside colleagues in the School Improvement Team. We welcome applications from the Traveller Community.

Any offer of appointment will be subject to a satisfactory enhanced criminal records bureau disclosure.

For an informal discussion phone Amy Thompson on 01634 338543

Closing date for application: Monday, 1 March.
Short listing date: Friday, 5 March. Interviews: Friday, 12 March.

For an application pack or to apply visit www.medway.gov.uk or phone 01634 333333 Mon to Fri 8am – 8pm, Sat 9am – 1pm or **01634 332843** 24-hour answerphone. **Alternatively email jobs@medway.gov.uk** quoting the reference.

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- Experience of using Microsoft Office (particularly Word and Excel)
- Excellent organisational skills and attention to detail
- Knowledge of school office work desirable
- Enthusiasm and a good sense of humour

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Due to the conditions and complex needs of the pupils at Abbey Court School, continuity and consistency of support is paramount and therefore candidates for all positions will need to commit to the full working hours of the post.

Closing Date: 5th March 2010

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Email: harrisonj@sirjosephwilliamson.meday.sch.uk
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Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 844008
Email harrisonj@sirjosephwilliamson.meday.sch.uk

TEACHER OF ENGINEERING (MPS)

Thanet
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: Friday, 5th March 2010
REQUIRED FOR SEPTEMBER 2010 TEACHER OF ENGINEERING (MPS) The successful applicant will be well-qualified specialist, able to teach Engineering throughout the ability range, including BTec First Diploma, Level 2 and the Engineering Diploma Line at Levels 1 and 2. A new Engineering Suite has recently been opened within our Technology department. A comprehensive induction programme will be offered. The successful applicant will:- • be a creative practitioner with the ability to motivate students of all abilities; • be enthusiastic and energetic; • have a commitment to raising standards; • have a commitment to providing a first class learning experience for all our students. Walmer Science College is a good school with outstanding features (Ofsted 2007). Walmer Science College is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and the successful applicant will be required to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure via the CRB. For an application form and further details, please contact Mrs Windsor at the school Closing date : 9:30am, Friday, 5th March 2010 WALMER SCIENCE COLLEGE Salisbury Road,Walmer, Deal, Kent, CT14 7QJ Telephone : 01304 375212 Fax : 01304 380766 e-mail : admin@walmersciencecollege.co.uk
To apply/more information:
Walmer Science College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01304 375212
Email admin@ walmersciencecollege.co.uk

TEACHER OF SCIENCE(MPS)

Thanet
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: Friday, 5th March 2010
REQUIRED FOR SEPTEMBER 2010 TEACHER OF SCIENCE(MPS) This could either be a full-time or part-time A comprehensive induction programme will be offered. The post would be suitable for either NQTs or more experienced teachers. A comprehensive induction programme will be offered whatever your status. The successful applicant will:- • be a creative teacher with the ability to motivate students of all abilities; • be enthusiastic and energetic; • have a commitment to raising standards; • have a commitment to providing a first class learning experience for all our students. Walmer Science College is a good school with outstanding features (Ofsted 2007). Walmer Science College is committed to safeguarding and protecting the welfare of children and the successful applicant will be required to apply for an Enhanced Disclosure via the CRB. For an application form and further details, please contact Mrs Windsor at the school Closing date : 9:30am, Friday, 5th March 2010 WALMER SCIENCE COLLEGE Salisbury Road,Walmer, Deal, Kent, CT14 7QJ Telephone : 01304 375212 Fax : 01304 380766 e-mail : admin@ walmersciencecollege.co.uk
To apply/more information:
Walmer Science College
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01304 375212
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Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

TECHNICAL MANAGER

Sevenoaks
Salary: TBA
TECHNICAL MANAGER REQUIRED To control the Manufacturing/Servicing Dept of a Laboratory Equipment Company Experience of the following Is required: Production, General development Of products, Refrigeration systems Good electrical/Mechanical Knowledge Salary commensurate with Experience To apply please telephone 01732 743901
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Email sales@lms.ltd.uk

ELECTRICAL ENGINEER

Ashford
Salary: TBA
Sauflon Pharmaceuticals Limited is an expanding independent manufacturing company producing contact lenses and solutions for markets around the world. We currently have the following vacancy:- ELECTRICAL ENGINEER As part of the maintenance team you will help maintain and repair plant equipment throughout the Ashford sites. Working to a high standard and compliant with legislation you will need to be able to work as part of a team, or alone. You will have served a recognised electrical apprenticeship and possess the 17th edition certification. Experience working in a manufacturing environment as a qualified maintenance electrician is required and mechanical experience will be an advantage. A full driving license is essential. For an application form, please telephone 01233 646599 or alternatively send a detailed CV, quoting your current salary to:- HR Department – Recruitment, Sauflon Pharmaceuticals Limited, Unit 8, Mace Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent - TN24 8EP alternatively email: SimoniIK@sauflon.co.uk
To apply/more information:
Sauflon Pharmaceuticals Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01233 646599
Email SimoniIK@sauflon.co.uk

MAINTENANCE ENGINEER

Ashford
Salary: TBA
Sauflon Pharmaceuticals Limited is an expanding independent manufacturing company producing contact lenses and solutions for markets around the world. We currently have the following vacancy:- MAINTENANCE ENGINEER This role encompasses preventative and routine maintenance of production equipment, buildings and the installation of new equipment in a manufacturing environment. The successful candidate should possess at least 5 years of previous engineering experience in this environment. Turning/welding skills would be an advantage. A full driving license is essential. Hours of work for the above 2 positions will be Flexible 6:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. or 2:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Monday to Friday. For an application form, please telephone 01233 646599 or alternatively send a detailed CV, quoting your current salary to:- HR Department – Recruitment, Sauflon Pharmaceuticals Limited, Unit 8, Mace Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent - TN24 8EP alternatively email: SimoniIK@sauflon.co.uk
To apply/more information:
Sauflon Pharmaceuticals Ltd
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Electrically Biased Site Supervisor

Kent
Salary: TBA
Electrically Biased Site Supervisor required by a Nationally based Specialist Company working within the Medical Pre-Installation field. Negotiated Package. Computer experience essential. Must be willing to work away from home. E-mailed C.V. applications only to smiller@avenuebuilding.co.uk NO AGENCIES NO TELEPHONE CALLS
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
Email smiller@ avenuebuilding.co.uk

Estate Agency, Property

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Tunbridge Wells
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Kent
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Email sarah.mcglinchey @bairstowevescountrywide.co.uk

HR, Recruitment

HR Assistant

Tonbridge
Salary: TBA
HR Assistant (Maternity Cover) – (Pembury) Full or part-time maternity cover required. It will be necessary to have a flexible approach to work and a willingness to assist in all areas within the HR Department. Good interpersonal skills and an excellent attention to detail and accuracy is required. Previous HR experience is preferable but not essential but previous administrative experience is essential. For the HR position all applications must include a covering letter explaining reasons for application and salary expectation. Application Forms for all positions above can be obtained from the HR Dept on 01892 822168 or reception@pepenbury.info or download from www.pepenbury.info All positions are subject to enhanced clearance from the CRB, POVA and POCA Registers. No agency referrals.
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Pepenbury
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Industrial, Warehouse, Factory

PRODUCTION SCHEDULER

Ashford
Salary: TBA
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Legal

Legal Secretary

Margate
Salary: TBA
Margate based criminal lawyers seek a legal secretary for a full time position. Good audio typing, spelling and telephone manner required. Please send CV FAO Miss S Sutherland, Goldspring Jones Solicitors Limited, 170 Northdown Road, Cliftonville, Kent, CT9 2QT No agencies please
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Management, Senior Positions

General Manager

Sittingbourne
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Consultant for Minority Ethnic Achievement

Chatham
Salary: £42,227 – £44,454 per annum
Closing Date: Monday, 1 March 2010
To apply/more information:
Medway Council
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BAR and RESTARANT MANAGER

Maidstone
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
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Marketing, Advertising

SENIOR MARKETING EXECUTIVE

Folkestone
Salary: TBA
Closing Date: 26 February 2010
To apply/more information:
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Email human.resources @saga.co.uk

Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

Night Time Care Assistants

Maidstone
Salary: £6 per hr
Charing Healthcare are looking to recruit Night Time Care Assistants for Residential Care Home in the Maidstone area. Must be flexible with shift patterns. Starting at £6 per hr according to experience. Post is subject to a CRB disclosure. For further details and further discussion please call Carol on 01622 737847
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Ambulance crews

Kent
Salary: £7.00ph
East Kent & South London Emergency Medical Technician East Kent & South London £7.00ph Starting Pay. Full Time: 4 day - 12hr rota Immediate Start Kent based Ambulance crews required. Applicants should have current EMT/CMT/FPOS/ECA/AP or Equivalent. HSE FAW First Aiders also required. Full UK driving licence essential. Enhanced CRB checks carried out. Email CV to jobs@lifeskillsmedical.com Quote Ref: LS/KENT/0210 or visit: www.lifeskillsmedical.com (see news section).
To apply/more information:
Lifeskills Holding Lts
Quoting Job Ref: LS/KENT/0210
Email jobs@lifeskillsmedical.com

Marketing, Sales and Communication

Canterbury
Salary: 12,500-26,500 depending on skils
Closing Date: 28 February 2010
MOTIVATED & READY We are looking for someone who has an ability to communicate confidently with members of the public with a level of service that exceeds expectation. This role is office based within the health and wellness sector and also includes community based events for promotions. Only apply if you are interested in personal growth, development and a career. Whilst the role has a base salary depending on your demonstrative skills, there is huge potential for bonuses for any applicant. That is why you have to be the kind of person who enjoys having goals and helping people get well and stay well. If you love success, you are eager to help people and want to make a difference, please apply immediately.
To apply/more information:
Dr. Tracy Harley Wellness Practice
Quoting Job Ref: 2010-02
Tel: 01227 789977
Email drtracyharley @googlemail.com

Psychological Wellbeing Practitioner

Sittingbourne
Salary: £20,710 - £26,839
Closing Date: 26 February 2010
To apply/more information:
KCA (UK)
Quoting Job Ref: 616
Tel: 01795 590635
Email applications @jobsforkent.co.uk

Cognitive Behavioural Therapist,

Ramsgate
Salary: £29,789 - £39,273
Closing Date: 26th February 2010
To apply/more information:
KCA (UK)
Quoting Job Ref: 622
Tel: 01795 590635
Email applications @jobsforkent.co.uk

Community Support Workers

Maidstone
Salary: Hourly rate from £7.20 - £7.70
Community Support Workers – MOST (Paddock Wood) We are looking for committed, enthusiastic support workers for our rapidly growing domicilary service. Full current driving licence and access to a vehicle for work purposes is essential. A mileage allowance is payable. Hourly rate from £7.20 - £7.70 dependent on experience and qualifications (includes 50p per hour enhancement). For detailed information concerning this position please contact Katherine Osborne on 01892 839990 Application Forms for all positions above can be obtained from the HR Dept on 01892 822168 or reception@pepenbury.info or download from www.pepenbury.info All positions are subject to enhanced clearance from the CRB, POVA and POCA Registers. No agency referrals.
To apply/more information:
Pepenbury
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01892 839990
Email reception@pepenbury.info

Support Workers

Edenbridge
Salary: £37.64 per night
Support Workers (Edenbridge) Falconers Court at Edenbridge has full and part-time vacancies for Support Workers. Hourly rate from £7.034 dependent on qualifications. Enhancements for working weekends and public holidays. Sleep-in allowance of £37.64 per night. For detailed information please contact Steve Shepherd on 07947 794307 Application Forms for all positions above can be obtained from the HR Dept on 01892 822168 or reception@pepenbury.info or download from www.pepenbury.info All positions are subject to enhanced clearance from the CRB, POVA and POCA Registers. No agency referrals.
To apply/more information:
Pepenbury
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 07947 794307
Email reception@pepenbury.info

HOME CARE WORKERS

Romney Marsh
Salary: TBA
ROMNEY MARSH CARERS HOME CARE WORKERS We are currently recruiting for Home Care Workers who are compassionate, understanding, reliable, enthusiastic and committed to providing good quality support to individuals in their own home. The role involves supporting people to live as independently as possible such as washing, dressing/undressing toileting/incontinence care, meal preparation, housework and some assistance with taking their medication. We offer full training, flexible hours and good job satisfaction. We will require proof of right to work in the UK, 2 full references, health questionnaire, CRB disclosure (£36) met by applicant. Please call Claire Churchman on 01932 223050 or email recruitment@enara.co.uk
To apply/more information:
Enara Group
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01932 223050
Email recruitment@enara.co.uk

HOME CARE WORKERS

Folkestone
Salary: TBA
To apply/more information:
Enara Group
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01932 223050
Email recruitment@enara.co.uk

Senior Night Carer and Day Carer

Broadstairs
Salary: TBA
Port Regis Residential Care For the elderly Broadstairs Requires Senior Night Carer NVQ 2 essential Day Carer For more information Please call 01843 602266
To apply/more information:
Port Regis Residential Home
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01843 602266
Email applications@ jobsforkent.co.uk

DENTAL NURSE

Sandwich
Salary: TBA
DENTAL NURSE REQUIRED FOR PRESTON HOUSE DENTAL IN SANDWICH . FULL/PART TIME E MAIL: enquiries@prestonhouse.co.uk Tel: 01304 621 621 or 612075
To apply/more information:
Preston House Dental Practice
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01304 621621
Email enquiries@ prestonhouse.co.uk

Adult Carer Support Officer

Sheerness
Salary: 18, 453 p.a.
Closing Date: 24th February 2010
Swale Carers Centre, covering the Swale and Canterbury Districts of Kent, aims to reduce the stress and stigma caused as a result of the caring role, and in the case of Young Carers, to restore lost childhood. We support: Adults caring for another Adult; Young Carers aged 5 –18 years (Swale only) caring for any family member; Parent Carers of a child with a disability or special needs; Alzheimer and Dementia Family Support. In order to deliver our new 'Caring Families' programme we now wish to recruit : Adult Carer Support Officer - Full Time NJC 20 £18, 453 p.a. + allowances (initially 1 year) Young Carer Support Officer—Part time (8hrs +) NJC 20 £18,453 pro rata + allowances As part of the Swale Carers Centre Staff Team you will be working with Carers to assess their needs and to provide support, advice, advocacy and respite opportunities for them. You will have experience of working with vulnerable children and adults and an understanding of the complex needs and issues facing people with caring responsibilities. You will need excellent communication skills at all levels. You must be able to engage in flexible working hours including occasional weekend working. Appointments are subject to the Swale Carers Centre receiving an enhanced disclosure from the ISA/CRB which is considered acceptable. Swale Carers Centre is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. For further information and an application pack please contact: Sandie Hornby—Chief Operations Officer: Swale Carers Centre, Suite 9, Bank House, Broadway, Sheerness, Kent ME12 1TW or telephone 01795 583440 or visit www.swalecarers.org.uk Closing Date for Receipt of Applications: 24th February 2010 Interview Date: 1st March 2010. To be held in Sheerness Swale Carers Centre is a member the Princess Royal Trust for Carers Network and offers good working conditions, a comprehensive training programme, essential car users & mileage allowance and pension contribution.
To apply/more information:
Swale Carers Centre
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 583440
Email applications@ jobsforkent.co.uk

Young Carer Support Officer

Sheerness
Salary: £18,453 pro rata
Closing Date: 24th February 2010
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Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01795 583440
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RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT WORKERS

Whitstable
Salary: £11,620 - £19,500 PA RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT WORKERS HERNE BAY AND WHITSABLE AREAS SALARY RANGE £11,620 - £19,500 PA PLUS INCREMENTS. WE REQUIRE RESIDENTIAL SUPPORT WORKERS - ALL LEVELS UP TO AND INCLUDING DEPUTY MANAGERS - TO WORK IN OUR HOMES. QUALIFICATIONS NVQ 3 OR EQUIVALENT PREFERRED. HOWEVER TRAINING WILL BE PROVIDED FOR APPLICANTS WITH EVIDENT POTENTIAL AND/OR RELEVANT EXPERIENCE. CONTACT OUR OFFICE MANAGER JANN ASLETT ON 01732 740088 EMAIL: headoffice@benecareltd.co.uk www.benecareltd.co.uk
To apply/more information:
Bene Care
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 740088
Email headoffice@ benecareltd.co.uk

EXPERIENCED DISPENSER

Canterbury
Salary: TBA
EXPERIENCED DISPENSER Required for busy GP surgery in Littlebourne (must have NVQ II in pharmaceutical services or equivalent qualification) Hours negotiable. Please phone 01227 721561 for informal chat and/or job description. Excellent terms

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and conditions. Friendly working environment. Applications in writing to Practice Manager, Bridge Health Centre, Patrixbourne Road, Bridge, Canterbury CT4 5BL.
To apply/more information:
Bridge Health Centre
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01227 721561
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Young Person's Drug and Alcohol Treatment Worker

Canterbury
Salary: £21,519 - £27,849 PRO RATA
Closing Date: Monday 8 March 2010.
Young Person's Drug and Alcohol Treatment Worker £21,519 - £27,849 PRO RATA • MATERNITY COVER (MIN 6 MONTHS) 30 HOURS PER WEEK • ESSENTIAL CAR USER ALLOWANCE OF UP TO £1,170 PER ANNUM PRO RATA • BASED CANTERBURY / THANET KCA (UK) is an expanding and vibrant organisation providing a wide range of high quality and innovative specialist services in the drug, alcohol and mental health sectors. This post will involve one to one work with young drug and alcohol users (aged 10 - 18) experiencing complex difficulties. These may include concerns around mental health, safeguarding, homelessness, offending, and chaotic substance misuse issues. Covering Canterbury and Thanet, we are looking for someone with good substance misuse knowledge, excellent communication and casework skills and proven experience of working effectively with young drug and alcohol users. Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from www.kca.org.uk or call 01795 590635. Please quote reference 639. Closing date: Monday 8 March 2010. KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for all and welcomes applications from people with experience of substance use or who have had previous problems with substance misuse. Charity no: 292824.
To apply/more information:
KCA (UK)
Quoting Job Ref: 639
Tel: 01795 590635
Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

Public Sector, Social Services

Schools Project Co-ordinator

Chatham
Salary: £19,779.00p.a
Closing Date: 8th March 2010
Nacro is the principal crime reduction charity in England and Wales. It works to reduce crime by delivering a range of socially inclusive crime prevention initiatives by working for a fair and effective criminal justice system and by resettling offenders. Nacro Operations in Kent offer vocational and skills training to young people aged 14 -19 years and adult learners and those who wish to improve their literacy and numeracy. Our aim is to motivate, raise self-esteem and increase self confidence through effective training and skills development to progress our learners into education, training or employment. As our provision extends we are looking for lively, self motivated individuals who enjoy the challenge of working with people of all ages but, in particular, young people. We have the following vacancy at our Chatham New Bridge House Centre: Schools Project Co-ordinator (Maternity cover) £19,779.00p.a Our 14-16 year old programmes include Key stage 4 Engagement Programme (60/40) and Alternative Curriculum programmes for individual schools. Our programme objectives are to develop and encourage vocational and employability skills which enable young people to re-engage and make positive life choices. We are looking to engage a highly motivated, organised individual who has empathy with this client group. The post holder will be required to co-ordinate the activities and take responsibility for the Nacro 14-16 year old Alternative Curriculum programmes across Kent and Medway. This post will suit someone who has a background in education and who is keen to ensure that all young people receive the education appropriate to their needs. This position is subject to an enhanced CRB check Contact colin.farrow@nacro.org.uk or call Colin Farrow on 01634 818301 for an application pack. Closing date for vacancy is 8th March 2010.
To apply/more information:
Nacro Services Kent
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01634 818301
Email colin.farrow@nacro.org.uk

Housing Improvement Officer

Thanet
Salary: £26,940 – £30,738 per annum
Closing Date: Friday 5 March 2010 Thanet is a great place to live and work. Our historic seaside towns of Ramsgate, Margate and Broadstairs are rich in heritage and opportunity. From the multi-million pound Turner Contemporary Gallery, the new fast speed rail link to London, and the popular Westwood Cross shopping centre - this is an exciting time to join Thanet District Council. We are determined to improve the quality of life for local people. We believe that by listening to local people, working in active partnership and by being prepared to do things in an innovative way we can accelerate improvement and best meet the challenges ahead. Housing Improvement Officer (two vacancies) Salary £26,940 – £30,738 per annum The aim of the team is to improve the condition of housing in Thanet, so that people can live in safe and secure housing free from risks that might impair their health or well being. We have 2 Housing Improvement Officer posts available. The main duties of these posts will be to meet the statutory duties of the Council with regard to Private Sector Housing, by enforcing national and local standards in housing and to implement a range of private sector housing initiatives, which provide solutions to local housing problems through education, persuasion and the provision of incentives. One of the posts will focus on enforcement activity, whilst the other post will focus upon pro-active projects and policy work. Please ensure that you indicate which type of post you would prefer when applying. You will be enthusiastic, hardworking, and be a team player. You will have relevant work experience in private sector housing, building surveying or environmental health and knowledge of legislation relating to Private Sector Housing. You must also have relevant qualifications in environmental health, building surveying or equivalent. Ideally you will be certified in the HHSRS but this is not essential as training will be given. For an informal discussion about this post, please contact Tanya Wenham Housing Improvement Manager on 01843 577006 or Richard Hopkins Senior Housing Improvement Officer on 01843 577402. The closing date for these positions is: Friday 5 March 2010 Interviews will be held: 16,17 and 18 March 2010 All posts include generous annual leave, flexible working (some posts excluded), a 37-hour week, subsidised bus pass, as well as access to the local government final salary pension scheme. For an application form and job description for this position, please contact the Human Resources Department on (01843) 577175 (24 hours), e-mail jobs.hrpartnership@dover.gov.uk or, download an application form from www.thanet.gov.uk/jobs. Applications to be returned to: East Kent H R Partnership, Dover District Council, White Cliffs Business Park, Whitfield. Dover CT16 3PJ Thanet District Council is an equal opportunities employer committed to employing people with disabilities. Any disabled applicant who meets the minimum criteria for the posts will be guaranteed an interview.
To apply/more information:
Thanet District Council
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: (01843) 577175
Email jobs.hrpartnership@dover.gov.uk

Retail, Wholesale, Sales

Sales People

Kent
Salary: TBA
Black Tie Foods Ltd
Sales People required No experience necessary. Full training and vehicle provided. Call 01732 760484
To apply/more information:
Black Tie Foods Ltd
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 01732 760484
Email blacktie@btconnect.com

Telesales Operators

Kent
Salary: TBA
Earn hundreds of pounds per week in your spare time. City Local are looking for Telesales Operators Please contact John Davidson on 07717 803161 or johnnyd@citylocal.co.uk
To apply/more information:
City Local
Quoting Job Ref: kos
Tel: 07717 803161
Email johnnyd@citylocal.co.uk

PUBLIC NOTICES

M20 JUNCTION 9 IMPROVEMENTS
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT
NOTICE OF DETERMINATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 105 B (1) OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 (AS AMENDED)

The Secretary of State for the Department for Transport gives notice that he has determined that the proposal to widen M20 Junction 9 (Ashford) exit slips at TR005440 which is a relevant project within the meaning of Section 105A (1) of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended) is not to be made subject to Environmental Impact Assessment in accordance with Part VA of the Highways Act 1980 (as amended) and EC Directive 85/337/EEC (as amended).

Any comments about this notice should be sent to the Highways Agency at the address given below. Any comments should be made as soon as possible and received by the Highways Agency by close of play on 5 April 2010.

Further information on the project and about this notice may be obtained from Barry Stiff on 01622 666207, barry.stiff@jacobs.com or at the following address: Jacobs Engineering UK Ltd, Miller House, Lower Stone Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6GB.

Dr John Burns,
Route Performance Manager (Kent)
Highways Agency, Federated House,
London Road, Dorking , Surrey RH4 1SZ

Kent Highway Services

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
THE MARRIAGE ACT 1949 AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIP ACT 2004
APPROVED PREMISES FOR CIVIL MARRIAGES & CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

An application has been made to Kent County Council to grant a renewal of an approval for the following premises to act as a venue for the solemnisation of civil marriages and civil partnerships:-
Name of Premises: **The Leather Bottle, 54-56 The Street, Cobham**
Applicant: **Bryan Treleaven**
The application and plan of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.
Giles Adey
Head of Registration
Regulatory Services
First Floor, Invicta House,
Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX

Kent County Council

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Name of Premises: **The Spa Hotel, Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells**
Applicant: **Graham Rothwell**
Name of Premises: **Hever Castle Golf Club, Hever**
Applicant: **Jon Wittenberg**
The applications and plans of the premises may be inspected at the address below during normal office hours. Any person may give notice in writing of an objection to the renewal of the grant of approval, together with the reasons, within 21 days from the date of this newspaper. Objections should be sent to the address below.
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Kent County Council

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

10/00308/FUL **Two Ponds Walkhurst Road, Benenden**
- Replacement dwelling (LB)

10/00325/LBC **Garden Cottage Benenden Girls School, Benenden**
- Listed Building Consent - Internal alterations (LB)

10/00321/HOUSE **Lees Court The Green, Brenchley**
- Demolition of conservatory and single-storey side addition; Construction of single-storey side and rear extension with associated internal alterations (CA) (LB)

10/00327/LBC **Lees Court The Green, Brenchley**
- Listed Building Consent - Demolition of conservatory and single-storey side addition; Construction of single-storey side and rear extension with associated internal alterations (LB)

10/00386/HOUSE **Crockhurst Oast Crockhurst Street, Capel**
- Replacement of unsuitable cladding and windows, extending the property to the east, along with the addition of a bay to the west (LB)

10/00065/FUL **Raffles Of Cranbrook Ltd. St Davids Bridge, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Re-positioning of air conditioning units (CA) (LB)

10/00250/LBC **Cornhall House High Street, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Listed building consent - Variation of Condition 3 of 09/03086/LBC - length by which the flue protrudes above the roof to be 800mm not 500mm (LB)

10/00313/FUL **The Malt House Dorothy Avenue, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Change of use of former Class B1 furniture factory, ancillary showrooms and B1 offices on ground floor to a church and ancillary meeting space (Class D1) (LB)

10/00431/FUL **Raffles St Davids Bridge, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst**
- Installation of folding doors to rear elevation. Provision of glazed canopy to rear (LB) (CA)

10/00055/HOUSE **Barnfield Farmhouse High Street, Hawkhurst**
- Single storey detached garage and alteration of drive to provide access (LB) (CA)

10/00395/FUL **Holmans Slip Mill Lane, Hawkhurst**
- Change of use of land from pasture to outdoor riding arena (LB)

10/00421/FUL **Part OS Plot 7513 Water Lane, Hawkhurst**
- Construction of manege (LB)

10/00272/HOUSE **18 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Side extension to existing single-storey service wing; Extension of existing garage to re-instate previous size (CA) (LB)

10/00273/LBC **18 Calverley Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park**
- Listed Building Consent - Side extension to existing single-storey service wing; Extension of existing garage to re-instate previous size; Changes to fenestration; Repairs to external stonework; External changes to include improvement to balustrading; Re-surfacing of driveway and parking area; Internal alterations and re-ordering of room layouts (LB)

10/00385/OUT **Milford Lodge Camden Park, Park**
- Renewal of Outline (Means of access not reserved) - New detached dwelling in lower part of garden with double garage (TW/06/02300/OUT refers) (CA)

10/00390/LBC **The Granary Downingbury Farm, Pembury**
- Listed Building Consent: Installation of rooflight on side elevation (LB)

10/00251/HOUSE **Summerhill Camden Hill, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish**
- Erection of oak framed double garage (LB)

10/00257/LBC **The Victorian Barn Sissinghurst Castle, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish**
- Listed Building Consent - Change of use from a store to additional seating area for the adjacent coffee shop/cafe including alterations (work commenced) (LB)

10/00380/LBC **Hawkridge Barn The Common, Sissinghurst C/O Cranbrook Parish**
- Listed building consent - minor variations to work carried out under TW/08/00170 (LB)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe
Head of Planning Services
Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 23 January 2010

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACTS – NOTICES OF APPLICATIONS

The following applications have been submitted to the Council and are being advertised for the reason(s) given in each case.

TM/10/00045/LB – Tithe Barn Bradbourne House New Road East Malling West Malling Kent ME19 6DZ – Miss Emma Croucher is applying for Listed Building Application: Installation of a demountable glass partition to form a meeting room under the mezzanine floor. Reason: LB CA

TM/10/00141/FL – Lodge Cottage 16 St Leonards Street West Malling Kent ME19 6PD – Beechcroft Developments are applying for removal of some of the existing boundary conifers to erect a framed willow hurdle fence. Reason: CA LB HH

TM/10/00201/FL – Sports Ground Holborough Road Snodland Kent – Mr R Pettitt is applying for resubmission of details for a two storey front extension to pavilion. Reason: CA

TM/10/00153/FL – Daltons Farm The Street Plaxtol Sevenoaks Kent TN15 0QG – Mr Barden is applying for new side and rear single storey extensions. Reason: CA HH

TM/10/00186/FL – Compass Cottage Malthouse Road Stansted Sevenoaks Kent TN15 7PJ – Mr Richard Hogbin is applying for single storey side extension. Reason: CA HH

(A) TM/10/00233/FL & (B) TM/10/00234/FL – Sandyridge Pine Tree Lane Ivy Hatch Sevenoaks Kent TN15 0NJ – Mr C Neville are applying for (A) first floor extension to provide bed, ensuite and dressing room, re-locate front door and provide porch and internal alterations & (B) demolition of barn, shed and log store, construction of new detached garage with studio over. Reason: HA HH

TM/10/00053/FL – Platt Hill Wood Fairseat Lane Wrotham Sevenoaks TN15 7QB – Mr Mike Fitzgerald is applying for demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and replacement with a new dwelling and swimming pool with underground changing area. Reason: DEPART HA

TM/10/00034/FL – 2 Oldbury Close Ightham Sevenoaks Kent TN15 9DJ – Mr Temple And Mrs Hudson are applying for single storey rear extension. Reason: CA HH

Reasons for the case being publicised:

LB	Application relates to/affects a Listed Building or its setting
CA	Application is within/affects a Conservation Area
DEPART	Application does not accord with the Development Plan
HA	Site is over 1ha.
HH	Householder application - As this is a householder application, in the event of an appeal against a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about this application will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

These applications are displayed on our website www.tmbc.gov.uk – click on the button "Online Planning" (then View Existing Applications and select Public Access). You can submit your comments by emailing to planning.applications@tmbc.gov.uk (please quote the application number by the date set out below). Please note that we will publish a copy of any representations received on the Council's website, including your name and address.

Copies of applications listed may be seen during office hours (8.30 am and 5.00 pm Monday to Friday). Any applications within Hadlow, Hildenborough and Tonbridge are available at Tonbridge Castle, Tonbridge. Other applications are available at the office of the Director of Planning, Transport & Leisure, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4LZ. Any representations should be made in writing quoting the application number by 14 March 2010.

David Hughes
Chief Executive

21 February 2010

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

VARIOUS ROADS, ASHFORD
PROHIBITION OF DRIVING TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because carriageway surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on various roads, Ashford, as described in the schedule to this order on or after 22 February 2010 for an estimated period of as described in the schedule to this order or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be as shown below.

Road Name:	**U11217 Greenhill Lane, Egerton**
Extent:	Entire Length
Dates:	22 – 23 February 2010 for two days
Diversion:	Munday Bois Road, The Pinnock
Road Name:	**C152 Romden Road, Smarden**
Extent:	Entire Length
Dates:	23 February 2010 for one day only
Diversion:	For HGV – C146 Pinnock Road/ Smarden Woods Road, C91 Burnthouse Lane, C44 Bethersden Road. For light vehicles – C493 Pluckley Road/ The Street, Smarden, C44 Bethersden Road.
Road Name:	**Pilgrims Lane, Chilham**
Extent:	between junction Shalmsford Road and A28 Canterbury Road
Dates:	24 – 25 February 2010 for two days
Diversion:	C117 Shalmsford Road, A28 Canterbury Road, U12016 Bowerland Lane
Road Name:	**U11256 Cot Lane, Biddenden**
Extent:	Entire Length
Dates:	25 February and 01 March 2010 for three days, excluding the weekend
Diversion:	Riverhall Lane, C158 Whitfield Road, A262 Biddenden Road, A274 Headcorn Lane.
Road Name:	**U11286 Harbourne Lane, St Michaels**
Extent:	between Church Hill and Swain Road
Dates:	26 February and 04 March 2010 for six days, excluding Sunday
Diversion:	C159 Swain Road, A28 Ashford Road, C160 Church Hill
Road Name:	**Bank Road, Aldington**
Extent:	between Broad Oak crossroads and Firth Road
Dates:	04 – 05 March 2010 for two days
Diversion:	Coopers Lane, Chequer Tree Farm Road, Frith Road
Road Name:	**Bank Road, Aldington**
Extent:	between Firth Road and Calleywell Lane
Dates:	04 - 05 March 2010 for two days
Diversion:	Bank Road, Flood Street, A20 Ashford Road, Station Road, Goldwell Lane, Calleywell Lane.
Road Name:	**Roman Road, Aldington**
Extent:	between Calleywell Lane and Forge Hill
Dates:	04 - 05 March 2010 for two days
Diversion:	Calleywell Lane, Goldwell Lane
Road Name:	**C561 Faversham Road, Charing**
Extent:	between junction with A252 Canterbury Road and A251 Faversham Road
Dates:	23 - 27 March 2010 for five days including the Saturday
Diversion:	A251 Faversham Road, A252 Canterbury Road
Road Name:	**A251 Faversham Road, Ashford**
Extent:	Vicarage Road junction
Dates:	26 February – 01 March 2010 excluding the weekend for nights
Diversion:	A28 Canterbury Road, Simone Weil Avenue, A20 Fougeres Way, Trinity Road

This order will come into force on Monday 22 February 2010, will be in operation when the appropriate signs are erected and will remain valid for a period of eighteen months. The order will allow the above mentioned restrictions to be implemented as and when required for works of similar nature at any time for the duration of the order.

HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

HINXHILL ROAD, HINXHILL
PROHIBITION OF DRIVING TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of tree cutting and aerial replacement works, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Hinxhill Road, Hinxhill on 26 February 2010 for an estimated period of 7 working days or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed between the junction with The Street and Court Lodge Farm. The alternative route for through traffic will be via The Street, A20 Hythe Road, Bockham Lane, Plumpton and Hinxhill Road.

The works will be carried out each weekday between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm, with the road re-opened outside these hours

HIGHWAYS District of Canterbury

COULTER ROAD, HERNE BAY
PROHIBITION OF DRIVING TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Coulter Road, Herne Bay, on or after 10 March 2010 for an estimated period of 4 days or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed for its entire length but access for residents will be maintained from Blackburn Road. The alternative route for through traffic will be via Cornwall Road and Blackburn Road.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

LITTLEBROOK MANOR WAY, DARTFORD
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Littlebrook Manor Way, Dartford between its junctions with Farnol Road to Attlee Drive.

The Order will become effective on 8th March 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Henderson Drive and Farnol Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate resurfacing works.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

STATION ROAD, MARTIN MILL
PROHIBITION OF DRIVING TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of BT cabling works, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Station Road, Martin Mill (Langdon), on or after 8 March 2010 for an estimated period of 1 day or until the works are complete. It is planned the works will be carried out between the hours of 9.30 am and 3.30 pm.

The road will be closed outside 'Windy Cottage'. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of A258 Deal Road and Lucerne Lane. The alternative route will be via A258 Deal Road, Solton Lane, White Hill, The Street, East Langdon Road and Station Road.

MOAT LANE & COOMBE LANE, ASH
PROHIBITION OF DRIVING TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of works to renew frames and covers in the carriageway, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Moat Lane & Coombe Lane, Ash, on or after 8 March 2010. This is for an estimated period of up to 7 working days or until the works are complete.

The roads will be closed at various points as required for the works, as signposted on site. Every effort will be made to maintain access for residents when safe to do so. Access from Langdon Avenue into Coombe Lane may also be restricted, as shown on site. The alternative route for through traffic will be via The Street, New Street and Marshborough Road.

MIDDLE STREET, DEAL
PROHIBITION OF DRIVING TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the replacement of electrical cables, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Middle Street, Deal, on or after 8 March 2010, for an estimated period of 2 days or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed at its junction with Broad Street. There is no alternative route for through traffic. There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order between the junctions of South Street and Broad Street to allow access.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

VARIOUS RAODS, GRAVESEND
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on various roads, Dartford as noted in schedule 1.

The Order will become effective on 8th March 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last as noted in the schedule. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: as noted in schedule 1.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate resurfacing works.

Schedule 1

Road Name:	**Wellington Street, Gravesend**
Extent:	Between its junction with Parrock Road and Saddington Street
Date:	8th March 2010 for 3 days
Diversion:	Parrock Street, Edwin Street and Saddington Street.
Road Name:	**Peacock Street, Gravesend**
Extent:	Between its junction with Waterloo Street and Saddington Street
Date:	10th March for 3 days
Diversion:	Saddington Street, The Grove and Parrock Street.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

CROSS LANE EAST, GRAVESEND
PROHIBITION OF ENTRY ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL have made the above named Order under Section 9 and 10 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order was required in connection with proposals that the prohibition of entry into Cross

Lane East from Echo Square – introduced an experimental Order to alleviate the environmental impact of traffic using alternative routes.

This Order shall take effect from 22 February 2010.

NB An experimental traffic Order was made 26 August 2008, which continued the prohibition of entry into Cross Lane East. This was a successful experiment but requests were received from local cyclists to be exempt from the prohibition. The Kent County Council have considered that the provisions of the Order should continue in force indefinitely with the added exemption of cyclists.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the offices of Gravesham Borough Council, Civic Centre, Windmill Street, Gravesend during normal office hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

STONE CROSS ROAD, CROCKENHILL
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Stone Cross Road, Crockenhill from Tilecroft to Hollymount.

The Order will become effective on 22nd February 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 4 days. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: Green Court Road.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate BT works.

WESTHAM ROAD A25, CHEVENING
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Westerham Road A25, Chevening.

The Order will become effective on 25th February 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 1 night (22:00 – 05:00) ; the works are planned to commence 25th February 2010 and last 1 night (22:00 – 05:00). These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the route described above will be via: South bound on the slip A21 Sevenoaks bypass taken next off slip A225 Riverhill around Morleys rounderbout straight back on to the 21 North Bound Sevenoaks ByPass exiting at first exit for westrham .

The purpose of the closure is to Resurface Carriageway.

COWDEN STATION ROAD, COWDEN
TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC TEMPORARY ORDER 2010 THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Cowden Station Road, Cowden at the Rail Bridge.

The Order will become effective on 8th March 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to commence on 14th March 2010 and last 6 hours between 00.00 – 06.00. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Cowden Station Road, Hartfield Road, Buckhurst Lane and Cow Lane.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate works to Network Rail Bridge.

For further information please contact Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

VARIOUS ROADS, WESTERHAM, BRASTED AND SEAL
50 MPH, 40 MPH AND RESTRICTED ROADS, SPEED LIMIT (AMENDMENT NO1) ORDER 2010

Notice is hereby given that the KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes to make the above named Orders under section 82(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, (hereinafter called "the Act") and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with paragraph 20 of Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act,

The effect of the proposed Order will extend the length of the 30 mph speed limit on A25 on the following length in Greatness:

A25 HIGH STREET, SEAL

from the existing northern termination point (270 metres west of the centre of the junction with School Lane) to a point 281 metres west of the junction with Seal Hollow Road.

NB This will have the affect of increasing the length of 30 mph speed limit to a point 193 metres west of the junction with Seal Hollow Lane.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at the Council Offices, Argyle Road, Sevenoaks, between 9.00am and 5.00pm.

If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to the Transportation & Development Manager (Sevenoaks), Kent Highway Services, Doubleday House, St Michael's Close, Aylesford, Kent, ME20 7EZ by noon on Monday 15 March 2010.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

NEW LANE, LYDD
PROHIBITION OF DRIVING TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new electrical supply, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on New Lane, Lydd on or after 22 February 2010 for an estimated period of 7 days or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed outside 'Holcom House'.
The alternative route for through traffic will be via High Street, Cannon Street and Park Street.

BRACK LANE, BROOKLAND
PROHIBITION OF DRIVING TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of carriageway subsidence, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Brack Lane, Brookland from 22 February 2010 for an estimated period of up to 4 months. The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

The road is closed between the junctions with Snargate Lane and Grove Lane. The alternative route for through traffic is via Snargate Lane, A2080 Rhee Wall Road, King Street, Harvey Road, Beckett Road and Brack Lane.

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

THROWLEY ROAD, THROWLEY
PROHIBITION OF DRIVING TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of cable replacement works, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Throwley Road, Throwley on or after 22 February 2010 for an estimated period of 3 weeks or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed to through traffic between the junctions of Leaveland Belles Forstal and Housefield Road. The alternative route will be via Leaveland Belles Forstal, A251 Ashford Road, Broomfield Lane and Housefield Road.

PRIMROSE LANE, BREDGAR
10 MPH SPEED LIMIT TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of the likelihood of danger to the public and workforce whilst repairs and improvements are carried out to the Primrose Lane bridge over the M2, the Kent County Council has made an Order on Primrose Lane, Bredgar.

The effect of the Order is to impose a temporary mandatory 10 mph speed restriction within the roadworks. This will only be implemented at such times when it is not safe to work without this restriction, and will be operated by means of a "convoy", whilst the roadworks are taking place.

The order will become effective on or after 22 February 2010 for an estimated period of 6 weeks or until the works are complete.

The order will only be in force at the specific times when the works are being carried out. At these times, the appropriate signs and temporary traffic signals will be displayed on site. The working hours for this site are between 8.00 am and 5.00 pm.

BEECHES ROAD, SELLING
PROHIBITION OF DRIVING TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that to enable the installation of new cabling, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Beeches Road, Selling, on or after 8 March 2010, for an estimated period of 7 working days or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via Perry Wood and Black Oast.

HIGHWAYS - District of Thanet

MANSTON ROAD, THANET WAY, MINSTER
PROHIBITION OF DRIVING TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because Carriageway Surfacing works are proposed to be carried out, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Manston Road, Thanet Way, Minster from as described below on or after 22 February 2010 for an estimated period of seven nights or until such works are complete.

The alternative route for through traffic will be via as described shown below.

Phase 1

Road Name:	**B2190, Minster**
Extent:	from the junction with the B2048 Minster Road to the junction with Alland Grange Lane
Dates:	22 February 2010 to 1 March 2010 as and when signing is in place.
Diversion:	B2190 Minster Road, A253 Thanet Way, A253 Canterbury Road West, A256 Haine Road, B2050 Manston Road, B2190. In both directions.

Phase 2

Road Name:	**B2190 Minster Road**
Extent:	from the junction with the A253 to the junction with the B2048 Minster Road
Dates:	22 February 2010 to 1 March 2010 as and when signing is in place.
Diversion:	Southbound: B2190, B2050 Manston Road, then for Canterbury/London turn left and follow A256 and A253. For Minster, turn right and follow A256 and A253.
Road Name:	**A253 Canterbury Road West**
Extent:	from A299 Monkton roundabout to Laundry Road
Dates:	22 February 2010 to 1 March 2010 as and when signing is in place.
Diversion:	A299 'Mad Mile' and follow A28, A254 (Between Tivoli Road and College Road junctions) High sided vehicles to follow local diversion to avoid low bridge) A256. In both directions.
Road Name:	**Tothill Street**
Extent:	from Hill House Drive to A253 Canterbury Road West
Dates:	22 February 2010 to 1 March 2010 as and when signing is in place.
Diversion:	Eastbound traffic: Tothill Street, Foxborough Lane, The Lanes, Way Hill then follow main diversion. Westbound traffic: Tothill Street, Monkton Road, Monkton Street and Willets Hill then follow main diversion.

For further information, please contact Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800 (local rate) or visit www.kent.gov.uk/highways

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VICTORIA ROAD, BROADSTAIRS
PROHIBITION OF DRIVING TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because of severe carriageway subsidence, the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting traffic on Victoria Road, Broadstairs, from house number 46 into the cul-de-sac, on or after 8 March 2010 for an indefinate period.

The Order will remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

There is no suitable alternative route.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

MILLS ROAD, AYLESFORD
PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC AND NO RIGHT TURN TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic travelling in a southbound direction from Hall Road into Mills Road and prohibiting eastbound traffic from turning right into Mills Road from A20 London Road on or after Monday 8th March 2010 between 19:00hrs and 06:00hrs for a period of up to 3 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route for the restrictions described above is via A20 London Road, Coldharbour Roundabout, return via A20 London Road westbound to use slip road to access Mills Road.

Southern Gas Networks apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for gas mains replacement. Should you require any further information about these works, their contact is John Adsley on 07774 983419.

For further information or comment please call Kent Highway Services on 08458 247 800.

HIGHWAYS - Boroughs of Tunbridge Wells and Tonbridge & Malling

VARIOUS ROADS IN THE BOROUGHS OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS AND TONBRIDGE & MALLING
PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC TEMPORARY ORDER 2010
THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on the routes described in the Schedule.

The alternative routes as described will be noted in the schedule. Access will be maintained up to the points of closure. The Order will become effective on Saturday 13th March 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months.

Schedule

Road Name: **A264 Mount Ephraim, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: From Mount Ephraim Road to Grosvenor Road
Dates: Start: 13th March 2010 End: 14th March 2010
Diversion: A264 Mount Ephraim, A264 Church Road, Mount Pleasant Road, Grosvenor Road

Road Name: **A26 St John's Road, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: From Grosvenor Road to Culverden Park.
Dates: Start: 20th March 2010 End: 21st March 2010
Diversion: Grosvenor Road, Upper Grosvenor Road, North Farm Road, Highfield Road, High Brooms Road, Yew Tree Road, A26 London Road, A26 St John's Road

Road Name: **Sherenden Road, Capel, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 7th May 2010 End: 7th May 2010
Diversion: Hartlake Road and B2017 Five Oak Green Road

Road Name: **Vauxhall Lane, Southborough, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: A26 London Road to Honnington Farm
Dates: Start: 7th May 2010 End: 7th May 2010
Diversion: Vauxhall Lane, A2014 Pembury Road, A26 Quarry Hill Road, A26 London Road

Road Name: **Woodbury Park Road, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: Dunstan Road to A26 St John's Road
Dates: Start: 10th June 2010 End: 10th June 2010
Diversion: Phase 1 - Dunstan Road to Chilston Road via Chilston Road, Queens Road, Dunstan Road. Phase 2 - Chilston Road to A26 St John's Road via St John's Road, Queens Road, Dunstan Road, Woodbury Park Road

Road Name: **Alliance Way, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 11th June 2010 End: 11th June 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Challenger Close, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 14th June 2010 End: 14th June 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Keyworth Close, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 14th June 2010 End: 14th June 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Northdown Close, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 14th June 2010 End: 14th June 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Tutsham Way, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 15th June 2010 End: 15th June 2010
Diversion: Ringden Avenue, B2160 Maidstone Road, Mount Pleasant, Cogate Road

Road Name: **Bullion Close, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 16th June 2010 End: 16th June 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Mercers Close, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 16th June 2010 End: 16th June 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Goldings, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 17th June 2010 End: 17th June 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Woodlands, Paddock Wood, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 17th June 2010 End: 17th June 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Hendley Terrace, Cranbrook, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 17th June 2010 End: 17th June 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Hendley Drive, Cranbrook, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 18th June 2010 End: 18th June 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Rope Walk, Cranbrook, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 18th June 2010 End: 18th June 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Benenden Road, Benenden, Tunbridge Wells**
Extent: Walkhurst Road to Beacon Hall Farm
Dates: Start: 19th June 2010 End: 20th June 2010
Diversion: B2086 Benenden Road, A28 Hastings Road, A268 Link Hill, Queen Street, Megrims Hill, Rye Road, A229 Cranbrook Road, Hawkhurst Road, Hartley Road, B2086 Swattenden Lane, Benenden Road, Mounts Hill, The Street, Benenden Road

Road Name: **Woodlands Road, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: New Road to Woodlands Parade
Dates: Start: 3rd May 2010 End:7th May 2010 Start:10th May End:10th May
Diversion: New Road, A20, Woodlands Road

Road Name: **Pratling Street, Aylesford, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: Rochester Road to No 326 Pratling Street
Dates: Start: 4th May 2010 End: 4th May 2010
Diversion: Rochester Road, Pratling Street

Road Name: **Cuckoo Lane, Tonbridge, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: A26 Hadlow Road to Higham Lane
Dates: Start: 7th May 2010 End: 7th May 2010
Diversion: Northbound - A26 Hadlow Road, A26 Tonbridge Road, Ashes Lane, Higham Lane. Southbound - Higham Lane, Barchester Way, Cranford Road, Hadlow Road East, A26 Hadlow Road

Road Name: **Lower Haysden Lane, Tonbridge, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 8th May 2010 End: 8th May 2010
Diversion: Upper Haysden Lane

Road Name: **Primrose Drive, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 9th May 2010 End: 10th May 2010
Diversion: N/A

Road Name: **Golding Close, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 10th May 2010 End: 11th May 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Medina Road, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 11th May 2010 End: 12th May 2010
Diversion: New Road, Woodlands Road, Linkway

Road Name: **Linkway, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 11th May 2010 End: 12th May 2010
Diversion: Medina, New Road, Woodlands Road

Road Name: **Wilton Drive, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 12th May 2010 End: 13th May 2010
Diversion: N/A

Road Name: **St Peters Road, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: St Peters Close to New Road
Dates: Start: 12th May 2010 End: 13th May 2010
Diversion: Bradbourne Lane, A20, New Road

Road Name: **St Peters Close, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 13th May 2010 End: 14th May 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Ditton Court, Ditton, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 13th May 2010 End: 14th May 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Thackeray Road, Larkfield, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 14th May 2010 End: 15th May 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Wrotham Hill Road, Stansted, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 18th May 2010 End: 18th May 2010
Diversion: Tumblefield Road, Plaxdale Green Road, Stansted Hill, Vigo Hill, Platt House Lane, Fairseat Lane

Road Name: **South Ash Lane, Stansted, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 19th May 2010 End: 20th May 2010
Diversion: A20 London Road, A227 Gravesend Road, A227 Wrotham Road, A227 South Street, A227 Wrotham Road, B260 Longfield Road, B260 Main Road, Hartley Road, Ash Road, Chapel Wood Road, Ash Road, The Street

Road Name: **Bancroft Road, Wrotham, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 19th May 2010 End: 20th May 2010
Diversion: N/A Cul-de-sac

Road Name: **Goodworth Road, Wrotham, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 20th May 2010 End: 21st May 2010
Diversion: West Street

Road Name: **West Street, Wrotham, Tonbridge & Malling**
Extent: Whole Length
Dates: Start: 20th May 2010 End: 21st May 2010
Diversion: High street, Borough Green Road, Kemsing Road, Battlefields, Blacksole Road

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary for carriageway resurfacing works. Should you require any further information about these works, the contact is Tony Carreck for Tunbridge Wells and Robert Seggie for Tonbridge & Malling on 08458 247 800.

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT) ORDER 1995

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF A DIRECTION UNDER ARTICLE 4(1) TO WHICH ARTICLE 5(4) APPLIES

NOTICE is hereby given that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council ("the Authority") has made a Direction under Article 4(1) of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995 to which Article 5(4) applies ("the Direction").

The Direction applies to development of the type specified in the First Schedule to this Notice within the area described in the Second Schedule to this Notice.

The effect of the Direction is that permission granted by article 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development Order) 1995 shall not apply to development of the type specified in the First Schedule to this Notice and that such development shall not be carried out within the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice unless planning permission is granted by the Authority on an application made to the Authority under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

A copy of the Direction as modified and of the map defining the area of land covered by it may be seen at the Council's Tunbridge Wells Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB between the hours of 9am and 5pm Monday to Friday (except Thursday 9am to 6.30pm) or 10am and 4pm on Saturday.

The Direction made by the Authority on 25th November was approved subject to modifications by the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government on 5th February 2010 and therefore remains in force in relation to the area specified in the Second Schedule to this Notice.

FIRST SCHEDULE

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995

SCHEDULE 2 PART 2 - MINOR OPERATIONS

Class A

The erection, construction, maintenance, improvement or alteration of a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure, being development comprised within Class A of Part 2 of Schedule 2 to the said Order and not being development comprised within any other Class.

Class B

The formation, laying out and construction of a means of access to a highway which is not a trunk road or classified road, where that access is required in connection with development permitted by any class in this Schedule (other than by Class A of this Part).

SCHEDULE 2 PART 4 - TEMPORARY BUILDINGS AND USES

Class B

The use of the land for any purpose for not more than 28 days in total in any calendar year, of which not more than 14 days in total may be for the purposes referred to in paragraph B.2, and the provision on the land of any movable structure for the purpose of the permitted use.

SECOND SCHEDULE

Land at Longbrooks Farm, Pearsons Green Road, Paddock Wood, Kent having an area of some 27.315 hectares with a frontages of approximately 919.8 metres to Pearsons Green Road and approximately 531.8 metres to Knowle Road

Paul Cummins, Legal Services Manager,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council,
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 1RS.

Dated : 20th February 2010

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FIRST SCHEDULE

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 1995

SCHEDULE 2 PART 5 – CARAVAN SITES

Class A

The use of the land, other than a building, as a caravan site in the circumstances referred to in paragraph A.2.

SCHEDULE 2 PART 6 – AGRICULTURAL BUILDINGS AND OPERATIONS

Class A – Development on units of 5 hectares or more

(a) Works for the erection, extension or alteration of a building; or
(b) any excavation or engineering operations
which are reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture within that unit.

Class B – Development on units of less than 5 hectares

(a) the extension or alteration of an agricultural building;
(b) the installation of additional or replacement plant or machinery;
(c) the provision, rearrangement or replacement of a sewer, main, pipe, cable or other apparatus;
(d) the provision, rearrangement or replacement of a private way;
(e) the provision of a hard surface;
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where the development is reasonably necessary for the purposes of agriculture within the unit.

SCHEDULE 2 PART 7 – FORESTRY BUILDINGS AND OPERATIONS

Class A

The carrying out on land used for the purposes of forestry, including afforestation, of development reasonably necessary for those purposes consisting of :-
(a) works for the erection, extension or alteration of a building:
(b) the formation, alteration or maintenance of private ways;
(c) operations on that land, or on land held or occupied with that land, to obtain the materials required for the formation, alteration or maintenance of such ways;
(d) other operations (not including engineering or mining operations).

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Benchmark Beemer has more work to do

By **STEVE LOADER**

BMW's 5-Series saloon has long been the benchmark for the UK executive car market.

Now about to enter a sixth generation, its strengths have been driving appeal married to quality and style.

I think the once-classical style went walkabout with the outgoing fifth generation car but, as a recent Driving road test proved, the 5-Series was still the executive class car setting the pace.

The task is harder now though and the new car – the saloon is due in showrooms on March 20 priced from £28,165 – faces tough opposition from rear-driven rivals like the eye-catching Jaguar XF and much-improved Mercedes-Benz E-Class.

Nor can we discount Volvo's affordable front-driven S80 following some radical chassis work and Audi's A6 – available in front-wheel drive and the German marque's famous Quattro all-wheel drive system.

It is something of a relief for long-running BMW fans though to see a return to styling that is easier on the eye, though the newcomer still cannot really go head-to-head with the Jag XF in this department.

However, the all-round competence of the BMW, plus the company car tax advantages of the marque's excellent low-emission/fuel consumption EfficientDynamics package will be a powerful draw.

The original 'Five' saloon appeared in 1972, and every version since has been a pioneer of BMW's best engineering or technology – the company's first diesel engine appeared in a Five, while other generations pioneered such innovations as all aluminium suspension and 'head-up' instrument display.

The new car will be first in its sector to feature start-stop, starting and stopping the engine automatically at the traffic lights or in sluggish traffic flows.

It will also offer an eight-speed automatic transmission.

Early Five generations could be a handful in slippery conditions, but recent models have seen BMW perfect the long-wheelbase/short overhangs and 50:50 weight distribution that make the 5-Series such a driver pleaser.

The new car's wheelbase is longest in class, which also delivers extra space for rear passengers.

Buyers will be able to choose from three diesel and four petrol engines from launch, including a four-cylinder 184bhp 1,995cc 520d option, expected to follow the previous Five and become the best seller by far.

Also the entry model for the range, it will hit 62mph in 8.1 seconds and should average in the mid-50s for mpg while emitting just 132g/km of CO2 – the most efficient car in its sector.

Of course, while BMW's 'Ultimate Driving Machine' mantra stands as much for greener motoring nowadays as it does performance and sportiness, the marque has to keep diehards happy, so the range flagship is the twin-turbo 407hp 4,395cc V8 550i petrol version with a 0-62mph of five seconds, but an 'eco footprint' that will be hard to defend – an average of well under 30mpg and CO2 emissions of 243g/km.

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Compiled by STEVE LOADER

New-look BMW X5 ticks all the boxes

WIDELY regarded as the most aspirational SUV (sports utility vehicle), the BMW X5 has had a major revamp.

The most obvious changes are revised bumpers with enlarged front vents, new xenon headlights with LED corona rings, revised rear lighting and enlarged tail pipes, plus more kit as standard.

But the real ramifications for rivals are greater performance yet lower emissions in a sector increasingly sensitive to 'greener' buying habits.

The revised range, on sale from June priced from £43,980, includes the xDrive30d diesel – the first non-hybrid luxury SUV to record a sub 200g/km CO2 reading.

It should also be good for an average of nearly 40mpg yet hit 62mpg in 7.6 seconds.

Nissan catches the eye with new Juke

SEEMINGLY overnight, Nissan has gone from being the 'boring' car brand to the 'bonkers' one.

The Japanese marque now has an array of eye-catchers from the hugely successful Qashqai crossover, through the intriguing Cube city-car-cum-MPV to the sporting 370Z (see this week's road test) and GT-R affordable supercar.

But even these are upstaged by Nissan's new supermini sector crossover, the Juke – to be built at the company's Sunderland plant.

It should provoke much discussion before arriving in October through it bug-eyed funky chunky styling, designed to appeal particularly to the 'bloke market' in an increasingly effete sector.

Despite mini 4x4 looks – and it will have an all-wheel drive option – it also has a coupé stance underlined by rear door handles hidden in the frame of the door.

A top-level quote from Nissan says it all: "Juke brings a sense of adventure to the car market. It's light, nimble, urban, reactive: qualities designed to grab a younger audience.

"It offers something entirely different to the traditional B-segment (supermini) vehicles and cements Nissan as a car maker prepared to do something different."

VW's lean machine

VW has an all-new Touareg 4x4 due this summer that will be up to 200 kilos lighter and 20 per cent more fuel efficient than the current car.

No prices have been revealed yet but, like the smaller Tiguan range, it will offer an out-and-out Escape version for buyers who require proper off-road performance.

And there will be a sporty hybrid, able to out-accelerate many hot hatches while averaging in the mid-30s for mpg.

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by STEVELOADER

Lion's pride in 10 deals for new '10 plate

PEUGEOT'S lion badge has been stifling a roar for some time, but the French marque is really making a noise this year.

Over the past few months, it has completely rethought its stance in the people carrier/MPV sector; having left this largely to sister brand Citroën and championed a series of roomy SW estates instead, Peugeot has launched two space machines.

Okay, the excellent 3008 – recent winner of What Car? magazine's car of the year 'Oscar' – is really a crossover akin to the Nissan Qashqai, but it is an especially good people mover too.

And for those who still don't think it has a big enough cabin, Peugeot followed up with the classy and glassy seven-seat 5008 – equivalent to and derived from Citroën's big C4 Grand Picasso.

If your attention drifts at the mention of 'MPV' though, the marque also has a terrific cult coupé on the way – the Audi TT rivalling RCZ due in May, and priced from a comparatively reasonable £20,450.

Even a cheap TT will cost you at least £6,000 more and without the generous standard spec we can expect from the French flier, which is likely to gain a green hybrid spin-off version later on too.

Peugeot has also worked hard generally to improve its interiors, using the cabin of last year's smart 308CC coupé cabriolet as a showcase for how leather, clocks and gauges can be worked into affordable luxury.

And now the brand is attacking the March '10 new reg moment with an appropriate line-up of 10 big offers including five no deposit/low interest lures on key models – three being big-selling models from its 207 supermini range, including the chic 207CC coupe cabriolet.

There are also deals on the 308 hatchback range – the 308CC mentioned earlier can be had on a zero per cent finance deal in return for a 25 per cent deposit.

Perhaps the biggest eye-catchers though are tempting deals on those two newcomers to the people moving sector, the 3008 crossover and the 5008. The former can be bought with a no deposit/7.9 per cent APR finance deal on Sport and Exclusive versions with metallic paint offered free of charge, while a 25 per cent deposit secures Sport or Exclusive 5008 models on a three-year zero per cent finance deal.

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DrivingReview

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Nissan370Z

Latest Z-Car upholds a proud legacy

NISSAN'S latest 'Z-Car' looks pretty fit for a 40-year-old.

Yes, it was 1970 when the Japanese marque launched the first of its sporting coupés upon the UK public.

The dynasty has not always impressed like that debutante – then known by the brand's former UK handle of Datsun – and there have been breaks in the lineage, but the beefy 2003 vintage 350Z marked an impressive return to form and was replaced last year by the truly excellent 370Z derivative tested here in flagship GT form.

This pretty much ticks open boxes left by its predecessor.

Firstly, while nobody doubted the value for money offered by the 350Z, the cabin showed where corners had been cut, but the new car looks about right for its £28,000-31,300 price band. I was particularly impressed with the electrically-controlled/heated seats, which cosset you in a low slung driving position.

Secondly, while the 350Z looked muscular to many eyes, some saw it as porkiness; despite being seven centimetres shorter though, the 370Z echoes the previous styling yet the waistline is more athletic and prompted many admiring glances in the KOS Media car park.

Thirdly, a rather intrusive bracing bar behind the front seats on the 350Z has been lowered and better camouflaged without affecting the rock solid rigidity of the car, which is also 32 kilos lighter thanks to aluminium doors, bonnet and tailgate.

Though still a two-seater with a fairly minimalist boot beneath the high lift tailgate, there is also now a handy shelf for briefcases and laptops behind the seats – it's almost a smart 'mobile office' for the thrusting young exec.

If all this sounds like the 'Z' has gone soft though, think again. The 328bhp 3.7-litre V6 – up from the 350Z's 309bhp – can still sound brutal when challenged even if it revs cleanly (0-60mph in 5.3 seconds) and feels refined and muted for its type when asked to make a high-speed motorway dash.

Like its predecessor though, the 370Z can still be hard work in traffic, with its heavy clutch and a six-speed gearshift that can feel lumpy at low speeds – the seven-speed auto option might be the better bet if you want more all-round ability.

However, the manual option does have some clever tech in the form of the Synchro Rev

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Control (SRC). Nissan calls it "the world's first fully synchronised down/up shift rev control system allowing drivers of any skill level to experience perfectly smooth gear shifts every time".

I rushed to find the off-switch after trying it though, preferring to blip the throttle myself – half the fun of a traditional sportster like this.

Nevertheless, it's probably a sign of the times that a car can even do this for you now; how long before a driver can be reading one of our online newpspaers while the car speeds automatically along the M20…?

However, there is nothing boring about the 370Z on a decent fast road. The wheelbase is slightly shorter than before, but the rear-driven coupé is well-balanced and the direct steering and lively engine – in both rev and sound departments – make for an exciting drive.

There is a predictable and well-controlled tendency to step out slightly on the corners that makes it a real enthusiast's car – especially with the SRC switched off.

It also represents superb value.

Obvious German rivals to the 370Z series – a lovely roadster arrives in March priced from £29,900 – are the Audi TT, BMW Z4 and the Porsche Boxster/Cayman.

The Nissan cannot have the same badge cachet, but for ability and standard spec at bargain prices, it must not be ignored.

DrivingPortfolio

NISSAN 370Z GT PACK £31,300

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★
Reliability	★★★★★
How green?	★
Road tax	£405/year
Best rival	Porsche Cayman

TheVerdict

DON'T LIKE: thinking the 'Synchro Rev Control' – adds needlessly to the car's bargain price

NOT SURE: the Nissan gains the 370Z the respect it deserves

REALLY LIKE: the way Nissan has worked to right the few wrongs of the 350Z

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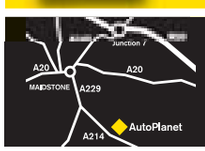

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Summer flights will link KIA to Scottish capital

Flybe's tartan skies

By **STEVE LOADER**
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BUSINESSES in Kent expect big commercial opportunities from a direct air link with Edinburgh.

The Scottish capital – the UK's second most prosperous city after London – is the destination for an all-new route out of Kent International Airport at Manston.

The 80-minute daily flights will be operated from May 27 to October 30 by Flybe and priced from an attractive £24.99 one way, including taxes and charges, and using a 78-seat Bombardier Q-400 turboprop aircraft.

There are two-way tourist opportunities, but also big commercial openings for Kent firms using a new link to one of Europe's biggest financial centres, home to blue chip financial houses including Royal Bank of Scotland, Scottish Widows and Standard Life.

The city is also known for electronics and IT, publishing and brewing. Caledonian Brewery is now the sole beer producer, but Scottish and Newcastle still has its headquarters there.

Sandra Matthews-Marsh, of award-winning Visit Kent, said: "Thanks to Kent International and Flybe we will be able to open up new opportunities and markets for passengers flying from Edinburgh to Kent both for business and pleasure.

"Kent and Edinburgh are both great destinations and being able to work together is a remarkable opportunity for putting creative marketing campaigns and itineraries together to entertain a wide range of guests."

THE HIGH ROAD: Flybe flights to Edinburgh from Kent International at Manston will be a boost for business and pleasure travellers alike

Fran Warrington, also at Visit Kent and responsible for inward tourism investment and support to the county's tourism, leisure and hospitality businesses, said: "This is a marvellous start to the year for everyone involved in tourism in Kent and a real boost for business in a difficult economic climate."

KIA chief executive Matt Clarke was positive, too: "I'm sure this route will be hugely popular because Edinburgh is such a great place to visit with its history, culture and world-famous festivals."

Flybe spokesman Mike Rutter said: "We're delighted to be adding this new service to the South East from Edinburgh and also to being the first carrier to offer travellers a scheduled service out of Kent International.

"We expect the route to be popular both with business travellers and those planning holidays or weekends away."

Edinburgh, affectionately known as 'Auld Reekie' attracts a million visitors a year, making it the UK's number two tourist destination after London.

Make 'IT' good, demand bosses

BOSSES want good IT skills from employees as Kent drives to put recession behind it, but a new survey highlights a shocking lack of knowledge, ability and confidence.

The findings come from online and work-based training firm LearnDirect, which spoke with companies and staff across Kent and the South East, and found that even everyday IT skills can help people earn more, keep a job or get a new one.

Despite this, nearly two-thirds (60 per cent) of workers aren't confident they can use computer technology, with 22 per cent admitting to having to redo work, cover up mistakes, or deal with an angry boss because they lacked the right skills.

Some even confessed to struggling with simple and widely-used IT terms: 47 per cent don't understand the meaning of the term 'mail merge', 12 per cent don't know what is meant by 'web page' and 11 per cent can't explain what an 'inbox' is.

Premium

Yet even they realise that computer literacy is seen as essential to their job – only a good grasp of English and communication skills are seen as more important.

And the survey confirms they need to brush up fast in a market where jobs remain at a premium, because their current or would-be boss is only too well aware of the need for better understanding: 59 per cent of companies across the region say they would consider increasing a salary offer to attract someone who has the ability to use applications such as email, word processing, spreadsheets, presentations and the internet.

Most South East businesses (88 per cent) would ask about a job applicant's ability to use a computer; 72 per cent say these skills are a 'must' for all employees. Outside the workplace, 38 per cent of people say being computer literate saves them money on bills and shopping, and more than a quarter (26 per cent) say it helps them assist the kids with homework.

LearnDirect's Malcolm Ming said: "A majority of jobs now need staff who know how to use computers, so it's crucial people aren't left behind as IT becomes central to working life."

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By **LIZ RULE**
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SO FAR in 2010, the outlook for investors has been much the same as the weather: sunny, spring-like days replaced by winds bringing heavy falls.

Early January saw equity markets continue moving higher as investors took heart from the reporting season which, in most cases, showed companies had emerged reasonably well from the worst global recession in a generation.

Unfortunately, comments from US President Obama concerning a crackdown on risk taking by banks saw financial stocks once again drag equity markets down.

The weakness spread to other areas as investors began to fear the implications of the withdrawal of financial stimulus measures around the world.

Even emerging markets failed to provide much support to investors after news of China's plans to slow its economy down due to fears of overheating.

Bailout

Fixed interest markets have also had a mixed year so far, with Government debt instruments (gilts) falling over fears of the cost that the bailout of Greece would have on already high debt levels of other European governments.

Company debt instruments (corporate bonds) have provided investors with some protection.

So, looking ahead for the rest of 2010, the current weakness could be an opportunity to buy; we believe earnings forecasts will continue to be upgraded as analysts' forecasts continue to be overly pessimistic in much the same way as they were overly optimistic during 2007 and early 2008.

Be wary of gilts given the amount of Government debt, be patient with equity investments and be prepared to take profits in areas that have performed very strongly, then recycling them into areas that have been lagging.

You could consider the use of a multi-manager fund, as these provide you with ongoing active management of the various assets classes, in a cost-effective and tax-efficient manner. This, I believe, demonstrates the benefit of regular reviews of your investments.

Mopping up the USA

By **STEVE LOADER**
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RECENT calls for a return to the UK's traditional export strengths are being heeded by a Rochester company.

Component Force, manufacturer, stock holder, distributor and supplier of one of the largest ranges of plastic, vinyl, nylon, rubber and foam parts, has taken on a £688,000 EFG (enterprise finance guarantee) loan from NatWest to expand into new premises and international markets.

The company – brainchild of entrepreneur Paul Gardner – has more that 15 years' experience in the manufacturing industry, predominantly operating across the South East, but challenging increasingly overseas and about to expand into the USA.

It employs 25 people and recently reported 24 per cent year-on-year growth, with plans to become a £10 million a year turnover concern within the next five years.

Such growth needed more space for stock, so the NatWest loan includes provision for a new 20,000 sq ft premises and large yard at the Airport Industrial Estate, Rochester, to be fully occupied by the end of March.

Mr Gardner said: "We are delighted with our expansion into the US market, which is testament to how we have grown the business since inception. The opportunities this will bring on an international level are a significant step towards the ongoing growth of Component Force and we take comfort that we have a banking partner on board that fully supports these aspirations."

NatWest relationship manager Helena Louka said: "Working with Paul, it was clear from initial conversations that Component Force is an innovative company with a passion to expand. The company's year-on-year growth instilled me with confidence to provide funding facilities and the EFG scheme best suited Paul's ambitions."

NatWest/RBS leads the field in the Government-backed EFG scheme, with more than £264m of loans agreed or in the pipeline.

CLEAN BREAK: NatWest's Bob Rowbotham and Helena Louka with Paul Gardner (sitting)

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Steve Loader introduces the KOS Media weekly look at business in the county

Scepticism won't put food on the nation's tables

IT'S a fact that we don't want to believe warnings about potential threats – especially when they are of a serious nature, *writes Pat Crawford.*

Hence revelations that some research in relation to climate change is flawed has quickly created more sceptics than there were.

Fact is, whether due to climate change or not, sea levels are rising, already resulting in land loss around the globe.

If levels rise at predicted rates, we know that some parts of Kent will be affected. Inevitably, this will cause people to lose their homes and need to be relocated, putting additional pressures on land.

Valuable agricultural land will also be lost, at a time when we are more and more dependant on increased food production. Already we are asking farmers to produce more and the rural sector to respond to new challenges.

But these also present fresh opportunities in some of the most vital industries of all.

Agriculture and horticulture involve hands-on farming, but also research and development – plant research is crucial to our ability to feed an increased world population – and the development and use of technologies.

Agronomy and sustainable farming will become increasingly inseparable.

Marketing and the way we transport foodstuffs will become even more important factors. The resurgent industry needs bright, motivated, concerned people of all ages who would like to make a difference in terms of achieving food security. They may previously have dismissed agriculture and horticulture as not worthwhile, with little or no career progression, but those times are surely changing.

Judging by Hadlow College, recognition that farming is vital to our future is growing as its director of finance and resources, Mark Lumdson-Taylor, explained: "Applications for both further and higher education courses in all branches of horticulture are up.

"Whereas just six years ago the college had only two students studying agriculture, there are now well over a 100. Our Fresh Start programme is designed to enable anyone, of any age and from any background, to investigate a career in farming and is free to applicants. The programme is proving so popular we are considering structuring a further series."

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Hadlow College students growing pepino fruit

At the same time, he admits to a potential failure: "The industry still has problems persuading people that it embraces far, far more than hands-on farmers – although they will, of course, always be the bedrock."

Surely this shows a need for schools, parents, career advisors and young people themselves to look at the much broader picture?

CANTERBURY-based HR solutions provider Select Software UK has been sold for an undisclosed sum to the Access Technology Group in a deal overseen by BCMS Corporate.

Founded in the cathedral city more than a decade ago by MD Julian Kirkness, Select specialises in software for HR and customer relations departments.

Mr Kirkness wanted to leave the business and instructed corporate finance company BCMS Corporate to find a suitable buyer for Select, which employs 35 people nationwide.

Essex-based Access, a business and accounting solutions provider, plans to market both companies' suites of products to respective clients.

Mr Kirkness said: "When I decided to exit the business I was determined the buyer would need to add real value and I believe Access Technology Group will do exactly that."

Lynda Sharp, for Berkshire-based BCMS, said: "I am confident both businesses will continue to excel."

SPITFIRES – Kent County Cricket Club's limited-overs team – is one of 18 first-class county sides joining a new domestic 40-over competition sponsored by Clydesdale Bank.

The three-year deal for Clydesdale Bank 40 follows up on the bank's support for the domestic Twenty20 competition between 2005 and 2009.

Apart from familiar county rivals, the Spitfires will also be pitted against sides representing Scotland and Holland, plus an ECB Recreational XI, leading to a final at Lord's on on September 18.

Southern regional director Adrian Wenn said: "The 40-over competition has been adapted this year to further increase its appeal and it is exciting for Clydesdale to be part of cricket's further development. As well as traditional cricket fans, we hope new supporters who have taken to the Twenty20 game will join us in supporting the Clydesdale Bank 40."

SOME of the biggest names in the security industry attended Ward Security's third annual employee awards dinner.

Guest of honour was Baroness Ruth Henig CBE, chairwoman of the Security Industry Authority, along with Security Watchdog chairman Terry O'Neil, chief exhibitor of the crown jewels Keith Hanson, and more than 100 staff and clients of the Rochester-based company.

The event was held at Oakwood House, Maidstone, where guests also enjoyed a speech by Moira Cameron, the first ever female yeoman warder, or Beefeater, at the Tower of London who is charged with protecting the crown jewels.

But Ward Security employees honoured on the night were judged the real gems.

Employee of the Year was Peter Smith, a long-standing security officer, who picked up his engraved trophy along with £1,000 of holiday vouchers.

The company itself also picked up the Security Watchdog Silver Fox Award for audited customer service.

Demelza Hospice Care for Children's vice-president, the broadcaster and journalist Martyn Lewis, is to present the charity's annual business awards, which recognise the hard work of its corporate supporters.

The event will be held at the Marriott Tudor Park Hotel, Maidstone, on Friday, March 5.

Demelza runs an eight-bed hospice near Sittingbourne and a new six-bed site at Eltham, providing short break care, day care, symptom control, end-of-life care and bereavement support.

Two of our best on the shortlist

TWO Kent business leaders have reached the finals of the region's prestigious Institute of Directors' London and South East Director of the Year competition, ***writes Steve Loader***.

Mark Lumsdon-Taylor, 35, finance director at Hadlow College, near Tonbridge, has been nominated for the Chairman's Award for not-for-profit organisations in the business 'Oscars' sponsored by PricewaterhouseCoopers.

COLLEGE: Mark Lumsdon-Taylor

Paul Winter, 61, MD of Wire Belt, Sittingbourne, has been shortlisted as International Director for businesses with a turnover up to £4.99 million.

Mr Lumsdon-Taylor is credited with reviving the financial fortunes of the Kent's sole surviving agricultural college.

Seven years ago, Hadlow was selling its best assets to stave off bankruptcy, yet now has a student headcount expanding every year – with stiff competition for places – and also runs a burgeoning commercial arm including dairy herds, farms and farm shops.

He told businessforkent.co.uk this week: "The college was in a dilapidated state and student numbers were plummeting. The sensible course would have been to close it down, but I felt Hadlow could be saved – and there was the same belief among the staff. It was also inconceivable that a county known as the Garden of England would not have an agricultural college. We had to try."

MILESTONE: Paul Winter of Wire Belt

Of his nomination, Mr Winter said: "I have been with Wire Belt for more than 30 years and during that time we have been able to grow our export percentage to 57 per cent.

"A milestone was reached with our first sale to Oman, which allowed us to prove the worldwide appeal of our conveyor belting.

"From that day, we were able to claim we exported to countries beginning with every letter of the alphabet, other than X."

Both Kent finalists will attend a champagne reception and gala dinner at the Landmark Hotel, London, on March 23 for an Oscars-style ceremony hosted by GMTV's Emma Cosby, with Gerald Ratner, former chief executive of Ratners jewellers, as keynote speaker.

John Minards, regional leader at PricewaterhouseCoopers, said: "The standard of applicants this year was extremely high and we would like to congratulate all those that made the shortlist.

"It was fantastic to see so many business leaders come forward that have taken steps to manage and develop their business through one of the most challenging periods in recent economic history."

MORTGAGE RATES

RT: Rate type **R%:** Rate percentage **L:** Loan **U:** Until **OD:** Other details

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WOOLWICH
RT: FIXED **R%:** 3.79% **L:** 70% **U:** 30/04/2012
OD: £1,034

PRINCIPALITY
RT: FIXED **R%:** 4.49% **L:** 75% **U:** 31/03/2013
OD: £1,044

NATWEST INT SOLS
RT: FIXED **R%:** 4.39% **L:** 75% **U:** 31/03/2012
OD: £529

BM SOLUTIONS
RT: FIXED **R%:** 5.29% **L:** 75% **U:** 31/03/2013
OD: £2,174

OTHER

NORTHERN ROCK
RT: TRACKER **R%:** 2.65% **L:** 70% **U:** 01/04/2012
OD: £1,030

ABBEY
RT: TRACKER **R%:** 2.49% **L:** 70% **U:** 2 YEARS
OD: £1,290

MORTGAGE BOX – ACCORD
RT: TRACKER **R%:** 2.49% **L:** 75% **U:** 28/02/2012
OD: £2,285

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Show goes on as the revived Stag sets stage

SEVENOAKS' Stag Plaza conference venue in London Road is to launch a business show next month – just weeks after celebrating a rescue package for the venue.

The show, on March 24, is being staged in association with Sevenoaks and District Chamber of Commerce with free entry for delegates.

It is designed to give business visitors a chance to learn more about services, technology, training and products to enhance their skills and boost efficiency.

Linda Larter, chief executive of The Stag Community Arts Centre, said: "We are pleased to offer our conference centre in the centre of the town to host the first event and give a boost to local business."

She is also clerk to Sevenoaks town council, which took over the ailing venue in early 2009 and successfully relaunched it by staging 200 shows, 1,800 cinema screenings and selling some 63,000 tickets during 2009.

This culminated in December with Sevenoaks council reaching agreement for the town council to run the arts centre on a 25-year lease.

Ms Larter said: "The past year has been a testimony to the loyalty and perseverance of local people and wellwishers."

But she added that much work had also been done to make the venue more versatile, with the Plaza facility recently opening up for weddings, and now what is hoped to be the first of a series of business shows.

Successful conference organisation

Why everyone needs a 'fixer'

By **STEVE LOADER**
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GET yourself a 'fixer' if you want to stage or host a successful conference – that's the top tip from hospitality experts.

"Even the biggest and most experienced hotels have been known to fall down on conferences, simply because too many people are liaising with the client organiser," British Hospitality Association spokesman Miles Quest told BusinessforKent.

"It's vital that all details are channelled through one person on each side and that the venue and client 'fixers' are both on hand to get things back on track if they start to go wrong.

"Every detail of the event must be checked and agreed beforehand to minimise possible hitches. Face-to-face contact is best and both sides must look to be confident about the other.

"The risk is biggest in a major venue because different responsibilities can be split between two or three people – more if there are staff shifts to take into account.

"In these circumstances, it's best to suspend normal working arrangements and designate one person to handle a key conference and the customer concerned – in short, you need a fixer. Another key point is getting the 'welcome' right – this can set the tone for the whole conference."

Mr Quest added that getting this wrong was an even greater crime at present with the economy and budgets fragile and companies questioning every pound spent.

"Venues must offer value for money, if they are to take a share of a diminished market," he said.

However, while he admitted the hotel industry has been badly hit by the UK and global downturn, many had fared better than expected by chasing lower tariff tourist business rather than the lucrative but depressed corporate sector.

But Mr Quest said the BHA believed the worst was over. "It has bottomed out, but we are still flatlining at present," he said.

However, his organisation urged 'Corporate UK' to be more open-minded about conferencing, even in the current climate.

He said: "There has been talk of saving money via video conferencing, but it cannot deliver the atmos-

requires a focal point

phere of a live conference.

"When companies are looking to pull out of recession, what better way is there to communicate the way forward and build confidence and network within your own company or outside?

"Conferences are here to stay."

Numbers may be down, but the value of the UK conference market is too easily underestimated. According to the UK Events Market Trends survey there are well over a million conference-style events, large and small, held in the UK every year, worth a total of £7 billion at last count.

Of those, 60 per cent of the business is taken by hotels, with concert-style venues, training centres and universities being the other key players. The average cost of a conference place with overnight accommodation is £131 per day – daily events are much cheaper at £40 a day.

PLAUDITS: Plan for all eventualities and delegates will thank you

TOP TIPS

Industry experts advise:

- Book early – reckon on a year to get accommodation arranged and travel plans in place for a major event.
- Avoid committees – conference management must be channelled through a 'fixer' on each side of the table to ensure no details are missed.
- Reward early confirmations – use discounts or 'freebies' to help confirm numbers and scale early, and then draw up a schedule that helps build confidence.
- Theme – choose a theme early and promote it to build interest.
- Variety – delegates pick up key messages in different ways so mix and match conference hall, side lectures, syndicate/workshop sessions and social events, but also allow for down time.
- Plan for 'tech failure' – never expect systems to be 'all right on the night'. Stage dummy runs, have a backup and make sure the 'techies' don't disappear.
- Plan for human failure, too – no matter how exalted the speaker, make sure they are rehearsed and familiar with the setting and equipment.
- Don't muddle the delivery – don't distract audiences with visual media, lights and backdrop and don't provide delegates with a copy of the speech. Use technical aids to enhance, not confuse.
- Know who's there – networking is a key part so make sure everyone is badged up and lists of participants are available.
- Hit the high notes – start with a motivating curtain-raiser and send delegates away on another high. Follow up with 'thank you' notes, ask for feedback and check interest for further events.

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Senior runners hoping to emulate cross-country success of juniors

TONBRIDGE Athletic Club go in search of the senior men's and women's Kent Cross Country League crowns in the final meeting of the season today.

By TOM HOWARD

The west Kent club have dominated at youth level of the Kent Cross Country League by winning the boy's under-13, under-15, under-17 titles as well as the girls' under-15 and under-17 championships.

However, today's final meeting at Swanley's Parkwood School will decide the outcome of the senior titles.

Julian Rendall is Tonbridge's main hope in the senior men's individual championship, as he lies in third spot just three points behind leader and new Kent Cross Country champion Dean Lacy. Huw Evans, also of Tonbridge AC, is also in the hunt in fifth position.

Favourite

The battle for the men's team title couldn't be tighter going into the final meeting, with Medway & Maidstone holding a narrow one-point lead in the first four to score and first 12 to score competitions.

With the final of the Kent Cross Country League just a week before the National Championships in Leeds, it could have a bearing on the results, according to Tonbridge cross-country team manager Mark Hookway.

He said: "The meeting is a week before the National Championships so some of our athletes will be focusing on that, but it will depend on who turns out for us.

"Our two best under-20 runners, Sam Bradley and Andy Combs, will not be running, which will weaken the men's side, but I'm sure Medway & Maidstone will be in the same position."

In the senior women's race, Deirdre McDermot leads the individual rankings with a healthy 24 points and will be favourite to lift the title.

The women's team are also top of the standings, but will have to perform well to maintain their slender four-point advantage over Folkestone Running Club.

Hookway said: "It's important for our club to have success at senior level as it will encourage the youngsters to continue with the club. We've always had a tradition of doing well at youth level, so it would be nice to have some more senior success."

ONE FINAL PUSH: Tonbridge Athletic Club are battling for the men's team title
Picture: IGOR KUPCO

Gravity of Court game is not lost on captain

SKIPPER Chris Page pulled no punches as Tunbridge Wells men's 1st X1 prepare for the visit of Gore Court's 2nd X1 – the outcome of which could determine in which division the side will be playing next season.

The team had last Saturday off as their league fixture away to leaders Herne Bay was postponed owing to snow, with the game rearranged for Saturday, April 10.

It actually helped the Wells, who would have been forced to send a scratch side because some of their players were unavailable.

It sets up a big weekend for Page's side as they take on Gore Court knowing nothing short of a win will do.

"It's a huge game and three points would distance ourselves from the bottom four," he said. "We're looking to win three of our next five matches, which would ensure safety.

"It's so important for the club to remain in this division because we're ambitious and want to attract better players. Results went for us last weekend, but we're still under the cosh."

Tonbridge School pupil Chris Pelmore is available at half-term to bolster the defence while midfielder Henry Wilson starts for the first time this season.

Tunbridge Wells ladies 1st X1 play away to Holcombe 2nd XI in the Kent Cup on Saturday, buoyed by two good results against Sudbury and Waltham Forest last weekend, coupled with the return of coach Chris Wilson.

Captain Jen Hunt said: "Holcombe are a division above us and have a strong side.

"But we can take heart from those excellent results against Sudbury, who were second in the table at the time, and Saturday's 3-1 win at Waltham Forest.

"It was the right result because we were the better side on the day."

STICK TO IT: Win's vital for Tunbridge Wells

The Wells had to come behind to win after falling behind early on. Tania Minns equalised to make the half-time score 1-1 and gave the side the lead early in the second.

She was denied a hat-trick by a dubious umpiring decision before Zoe Shephard added a third late in the game to settle the outcome.

TUNBRIDGE WELLS FIXTURES

TODAY

MEN: Tunbridge Wells lst X1 v Gore Court 2nd X1, Old Williamsonian 2nd X1 v Tunbridge Wells 2nd X1, Holcombe Men's 4th X1 v Tunbridge Wells 3rd X1, Tunbridge Wells 4th X1 v Gore Court 5th X1.

LADIES: Holcombe 2nd X1 v Tunbridge Wells 1st X1, Tunbridge Wells 2nd X1 v Sevenoaks 3A X1, Seveoaks 4th X1 v Tunbridge Wells 3rd X1, Tunbridge Wells 4th X1 v Edenbridge 1st X1, Meopham 2nd X1 v Tunbridge Wells 5th X1, Tunbridge Wells 6th X1 v University of Kent 1st X1.

Oaks at full strength for Holcombe derby

SEVENOAKS men's first-team will be at full strength for tomorrow's Kent derby away to Holcombe after last weekend's league clash against Southgate at Holly Bush Lane was postponed due to heavy snow.

The game was called off before the visitors set off and it gave Sevenoaks a chance to nurse a few injuries picked up in recent weeks.

Club skipper Jamie Nelson admitted: "We had a few players with bumps and bruises so those extra few days to recover have enabled us to name a full-strength squad to face Holcombe.

"I'm sure it will be a good game between two well-matched teams. We drew 2-2 against them in October and I don't think there will be much to choose between the two on Sunday."

Sevenoaks ladies first-team, fresh from last weekend's excellent 2-1 win at Chelmsford, play their first home game of the New Year today when relegation-haunted Southgate are the visitors to Holly Bush Lane (5pm).

Second-placed Sevenoaks, who are two points ahead of third-placed Horsham, are wary of the fact that Southgate tend to raise their game against the better teams.

Manager Christine Crosley said: "We had a tight game against them earlier in the season, winning by one goal.

"On Saturday Southgate lost 1-0 to the leaders Ipswich, so the warning signs are there."

Sevenoaks expect to be close to full-strength for the match, looking to build on the weekend's triumphant return to East Anglia.

Beaten 3-1 a week earlier at Ipswich, the side faced stiff opposition in a Chelmsford side who went into the game occupying third place.

Two improvised penalty corners did the trick for Sevenoaks who took a first-half the lead through Beth Begg.

CLASH: Sevenoaks visit rivals Holcombe

Jet Van Zalen increased the lead midway through the second period before Chelmsford finally found a way past Gill Thomson, who was outstanding in goal for Sevenoaks.

SEVENOAKS FIXTURES

TODAY

MEN: Sevenoaks 2nd X1 v Blackheath 1st X1, Gravesham 1st X1 v Sevenoaks 3A X1, Cliftonville 2nd X1 v Sevenoaks 4A, Sevenoaks 4th X1 v Blackheath 3rd X1, Sevenoaks 5A X1 v Old Williamsonians 3rd X1, Sevenoaks 5th X1 v Anchorians, Old Williamsonians 5 v Sevenoaks 6th X1, Horsham v Sevenoaks Old Oaks, Sevenoaks Shadows v Kings Alleyns 4th X1

SUNDAY

MEN: Holcombe 1st X1 v Sevenoaks 1st X1

LADIES: Sevenoaks 1st X1 v Southgate 1st Xl (5.30pm), Southend 1st X1 v Sevenoaks 2nd X1, Tunbridge Wells 2nd v Sevenoaks 3A X1, Sevenoaks 4th X1 v Tunbridge Wells 3rd X1, Spencer 4th X1 v Tunbridge Wells 5th X1.

NON-LEAGUE PREVIEW By Steve Tervet

Time to make their move

THE fixtures are starting to come thick and fast for Kent's Ryman League clubs as the games postponed by the snow are slotted into any available slots.

All 11 of the county's clubs still have either promotion or relegation on their minds and with just over two months of the season to play, any team able to put a run of results together has plenty of time to make a significant move upwards.

RYMAN PREMIER DIVISION

Billericay Town v Maidstone United

MAIDSTONE know defeat today would suck them right into the relegation dogfight, although they are boosted by the return of Ashley Ulph at left-back.

Defender James Peacock is missing as he begins a four-game suspension, with Tom Parkinson likely to replace him in defence and midfielder Craig Stone is available for selection.

Stones captain Jay Saunders has assumed the role of player-coach, while Peter Nott continues as caretaker manager.

Carshalton Athletic v Tonbridge Angels

TOMMY Warrilow takes his Tonbridge side to Surrey for a crunch game in the battle to avoid relegation, with the Angels looking for a first away win since November.

Jerahl Hughes is set to start for the visitors, but Scott Gooding has been ruled out for the rest of the season with a knee injury. Midfielder Anthony Storey and defender Jon Heath are back in contention after overcoming their injuries.

Cray Wanderers v Kingstonian

TWO teams with identical recent records meet at Hayes Lane with both equally desperate for the points at opposite ends of the Ryman Premier table.

Cray have won four of their last five, as have second-placed Kingstonian, although the Ks were beaten 2-0 by Harrow Borough in their last away game. Wanderers have moved closer to safety but they lost the reverse fixture 4-1 at Kingsmeadow.

Pictures: IGOR KUPCO

MATCH UP: Sittingbourne and Folkestone go head-to head in today's Kent derby

Dartford v Ashford Town (Middlesex)

A FEW weeks ago, this fixture would have been seen as a formality, but Ashford travel to Prince's Park with genuine belief rather than blind optimism today.

Dartford have won only one of their last four home games while Ashford have climbed to the verge of a play-off place, losing only once in 14 outings.

Tony Burman's Darts have not kept a clean sheet at home since October 13.

Margate v Canvey Island

MARGATE this week advertised the vacant manager's position at Hartsdown Park, although John Keister and Wayne Wilson will continue to lead the team today.

The pair restored Jack Haverson to the starting line-up for last Saturday's 1-0 defeat at AFC Hornchurch and the defender is in contention again this afternoon.

Play-off hopefuls Canvey were thumped 4-1 at home by Aveley seven days ago.

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

Ashford Town v Horsham YMCA

PAUL Jones scored the winner at Dulwich Hamlet last Saturday as the Nuts & Bolts recorded their first win in 15 attempts, and he is likely to continue in attack today.

Dover loanee Craig Cloke missed the game through injury but could return today, although Ryan Briggs has left the club due to work commitments.

Horsham YMCA are unbeaten in their last eight away games.

Chatham Town v Eastbourne Town

CHATHAM are looking to halt a run of three straight defeats against an Eastbourne side who have scored only one goal in their last eight away games.

The Chats welcome back Ben Payne, who missed last Saturday's 2-0 defeat to Met Police due to illness, but captain Brad Potter is a doubt after limping off with an ankle injury. Alex O'Brien's side have won only once at home since October.

Merstham v Ramsgate

THE Rams are still looking for their first win of 2010 and they must do without goalkeeper Danny Twyman as he completes a three-game ban. Manager Jim Ward is boosted by the return of skipper Warren Schulz and Andy Hadden from suspension, but centre-back Will Graham is still out injured. Merstham left Southwood with a 2-1 win when the sides met in September.

Sittingbourne v Folkestone Invicta

THE Brickies are playing their fourth game in eight days, while Folkestone have not kicked a ball since their 2-0 win at high-flying Godalming Town 11 days ago.

Invicta boss Neil Cugley described the win as one of the best results during his 13-year reign and is likely to name an unchanged team yet again. Elie Kayembe will partner Tom Bradbrook up front for Sittingbourne, who knocked Folkestone out of the FA Cup in September but were beaten 3-1 when the sides met in the league.

Whyteleafe v Whitstable Town

WHITSTABLE welcome back Ian Pulman for a second spell at the club after the striker spent six months with professional Australian side Melbourne Knights.

Pulman will start if fit, meaning either Stuart Vahid or Dave Cory must settle for a place on the bench. The Oystermen were beaten 7-1 at Leatherhead in their last away game while Whyteleafe last won at home in November.

Hythe needing win to keep title hopes alive

KENT LEAGUE PREVIEW

TWO of the Kent League's top six meet today at Reachfields when promotion hopefuls Hythe Town take on sixth-placed Erith Town.

Hythe, who are fourth in the Premier Division, still harbour dreams of promotion to Ryman South after coming so close in the last two seasons.

Clinching the Kent League title is still a long way off for Town, who are 19 points behind leaders Faversham, but with five games in hand, a result today could help their bid.

Erith's Achilles' heel this season has been their form against the top sides as they have suffered defeats against Faversham, Erith & Belvedere, and Beckenham Town.

After all but ending Erith & Belvedere's title hopes with a resounding 6-1 thrashing at Salters Lane last Saturday, Faversham aim to take a step closer to promotion with a win at lowly Sporting Bengal United.

Town's bid to earn promotion to Ryman South is rapidly gathering pace and Justin Luchford's side have become favourites for the title after opening up a 10-point lead at the top.

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

HOPING: Bay (yellow) are in impressive form

Although their opponents this afternoon are fighting in the lower reaches of the table, Town will be aware of the danger they pose – and an ability to field a different side against the top teams – following the goalless draw between the sides in November.

Herne Bay hope to keep in touch with Faversham at the top when they host Greenwich Borough. Bay have put together an impressive run of results and are unbeaten since November 14.

Aiming to put a similar run together to move up the division are Tunbridge Wells, who will make the trip to Beckenham Town this afternoon.

Elsewhere, Deal Town and Sevenoaks Town are due to meet in the much delayed Kent Senior Trophy quarter-final.

The game has twice been postponed due to snow and was abandoned two weeks ago after Deal's Josh Davidson suffered an horrific double leg fracture in the first-half.

The prize for the winner is a semi-final tie against Faversham Town.

KENT LEAGUE FIXTURES TODAY

(All games kick off at 3pm unless otherwise stated):

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION: Beckenham Town v Tunbridge Wells, Fisher v Lordswood, Herne Bay v Greenwich Borough, Holmesdale v Corinthian (2pm), Hythe Town v Erith Town, Sporting Bengal United v Faversham Town

KENT SENIOR TROPHY QUARTER-FINAL: Deal Town v Sevenoaks Town

FOOTBALL LEAGUE TABLES

COCA COLA LEAGUE ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1 Norwich City	31	20	6	5	67	33	+34	66
2 Leeds United	30	18	8	4	52	24	+28	62
3 Colchester United	31	17	8	6	48	31	+17	59
4 Charlton Athletic	31	15	12	4	54	35	+19	57
5 Swindon Town	29	14	11	4	47	37	+10	53
6 Millwall	30	14	10	6	43	30	+13	52
7 Huddersfield Town	30	14	9	7	54	33	+21	51
8 Milton Keynes Dons	30	14	4	12	43	42	+1	46
9 Bristol Rovers	30	13	3	14	38	46	-8	42
10 Walsall	30	10	10	10	38	36	+2	40
11 Brentford	29	9	11	9	31	30	+1	38
12 Carlisle United	30	9	10	11	42	42	0	37
13 Leyton Orient	30	9	9	12	40	45	-5	36
14 Yeovil Town	31	8	11	12	40	43	-3	35
15 Southampton (-10)	28	11	11	6	47	32	+15	34
16 Southend United	30	8	8	14	33	42	-9	32
17 Hartlepool United	30	8	8	14	37	47	-10	32
18 Oldham Athletic	28	8	8	12	24	34	-10	32
19 Exeter City	31	7	10	14	34	46	-12	31
20 Gillingham	**31**	**7**	**9**	**15**	**31**	**43**	**-12**	**30**
21 Brighton & Hove	30	7	9	14	35	49	-14	30
22 Tranmere Rovers	30	8	6	16	26	48	-22	30
23 Wycombe Wanderers	31	5	9	17	32	57	-25	24
24 Stockport County	29	3	8	18	25	56	-31	17

BLUE SQUARE PREMIER

1 Oxford United	29	19	6	4	53	21	+32	63
2 Stevenage Borough	30	18	9	3	52	21	+31	63
3 York City	31	17	9	5	44	25	+19	60
4 Luton Town	30	16	8	6	40	26	+14	56
5 Mansfield Town	32	16	5	11	53	41	+12	53
6 Kettering Town	30	15	6	9	37	25	+12	51
7 AFC Wimbledon	30	14	8	8	50	26	+24	50
8 Rushden & Diamonds	27	13	7	7	47	29	+18	46
9 Kidderminster Harriers	30	13	7	10	41	31	+10	46
10 Crawley Town	30	13	6	11	35	38	-3	45
11 Altrincham	29	12	8	9	39	28	+11	44
12 Histon	30	10	9	11	35	39	-4	39
13 Tamworth	32	9	12	11	32	36	-4	39
14 Hayes & Yeading	33	10	9	14	47	59	-12	39
15 Wrexham	28	10	8	10	28	25	+3	38
16 Salisbury City (-10)	31	14	4	13	35	41	-6	36
17 Cambridge United	30	8	10	12	44	41	+3	34
18 Ebbsfleet United	**34**	**9**	**6**	**19**	**33**	**57**	**-24**	**33**
19 Eastbourne Borough	31	6	11	14	27	47	-20	29
20 Gateshead (-1)	31	8	5	18	36	50	-14	28
21 Barrow	28	6	10	12	29	45	-16	28
22 Forest Green Rovers	31	6	8	17	30	57	-27	26
23 Grays Athletic	31	3	8	20	27	67	-40	17
24 Chester City (-25)	28	5	7	16	23	42	-19	-3

BLUE SQUARE SOUTH

1 Newport County	28	20	7	1	58	14	+44	67
2 Braintree Town	27	13	10	4	38	27	+11	49
3 Chelmsford City	30	14	7	9	39	35	+4	49
4 Dover Athletic	**29**	**14**	**6**	**9**	**48**	**37**	**+11**	**48**
5 Staines Town	29	12	11	6	42	27	+15	47
6 Thurrock	28	13	8	7	45	36	+9	47
7 Bath City	29	12	10	7	47	35	+12	46
8 Woking	28	13	6	9	34	27	+7	45
9 Eastleigh	28	12	7	9	54	37	+17	43
10 Bromley	**29**	**12**	**6**	**11**	**44**	**41**	**+3**	**42**
11 Welling United	**29**	**11**	**8**	**10**	**39**	**37**	**+2**	**41**
12 Havant & Waterlooville	27	10	11	6	34	33	+1	41
13 Basingstoke Town	29	12	5	12	39	43	-4	41
14 St Albans City	29	11	6	12	32	38	-6	39
15 Bishop's Stortford	30	9	7	14	35	45	-10	34
16 Maidenhead United	27	8	8	11	33	33	0	32
17 Dorchester Town	30	8	8	14	36	51	-15	32
18 Hampton & Richmond	25	7	7	11	32	41	-9	28
19 Worcester City	28	6	7	15	34	41	-7	25
20 Lewes	28	4	11	13	30	45	-15	23
21 Weston-super-Mare	29	4	5	20	33	58	-25	17
22 Weymouth	28	4	5	19	23	68	-45	17

RYMAN PREMIER

1 Dartford	**24**	**17**	**4**	**3**	**63**	**22**	**+41**	**55**
2 Kingstonian	27	15	3	9	49	44	+5	48
3 Boreham Wood	27	13	4	10	39	30	+9	43
4 Hastings United	27	12	6	9	44	38	+6	42
5 Sutton United	25	12	4	9	42	29	+13	40
6 Tooting & Mitcham	27	11	7	9	39	36	+3	40
7 Ashford Town (Mx)	28	10	10	8	51	53	-2	40
8 Wealdstone	23	10	9	4	39	37	+2	39
9 Horsham	25	11	5	9	44	38	+6	38
10 AFC Hornchurch	26	9	9	8	30	28	+2	36
11 Canvey Island	26	10	6	10	41	40	+1	36
12 Aveley	26	10	5	11	51	46	+5	35
13 Harrow Borough	26	9	8	9	40	40	0	35
14 Cray Wanderers	**29**	**10**	**4**	**15**	**38**	**54**	**-16**	**34**
15 Maidstone United	**25**	**9**	**5**	**11**	**26**	**32**	**-6**	**32**
16 Hendon	24	9	4	11	37	38	-1	31
17 Billericay Town	26	7	8	11	26	30	-4	29
18 Carshalton Athletic	25	7	8	10	36	43	-7	29
19 Tonbridge Angels	**26**	**8**	**5**	**13**	**43**	**54**	**-11**	**29**
20 Margate	**26**	**6**	**7**	**13**	**32**	**50**	**-18**	**25**
21 Bognor Regis Town	25	5	9	11	30	42	-12	24
22 Waltham Abbey	25	6	6	13	30	46	-16	24

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

1 Folkestone Invicta	**25**	**18**	**5**	**2**	**35**	**13**	**+22**	**59**
2 Croydon Athletic	25	15	6	4	58	29	+29	51
3 Fleet Town	26	15	3	8	52	32	+20	48
4 Godalming Town	24	14	3	7	44	30	+14	45
5 Worthing	26	14	3	9	50	38	+12	45
6 Walton & Hersham	26	13	5	8	38	31	+7	44
7 Sittingbourne	**24**	**11**	**5**	**8**	**40**	**26**	**+14**	**38**
8 Horsham YMCA	28	9	11	8	46	40	+6	38
9 Burgess Hill Town	26	10	8	8	39	35	+4	38
10 Leatherhead	25	11	4	10	42	31	+11	37
11 Dulwich Hamlet	27	9	10	8	42	38	+4	37
12 Chatham Town	**28**	**11**	**3**	**14**	**39**	**50**	**-11**	**36**
13 Ramsgate	**25**	**9**	**8**	**8**	**38**	**38**	**0**	**35**
14 Corinthian-Casuals	27	10	3	14	40	49	-9	33
15 Merstham	26	9	6	11	40	49	-9	33
16 Whyteleafe	26	9	5	12	37	35	+2	32
17 Metropolitan Police	24	8	7	9	37	31	+6	31
18 Chipstead	27	7	6	14	29	42	-13	27
19 Walton Casuals	26	6	6	14	31	44	-13	24
20 Eastbourne Town	28	4	9	15	23	52	-29	21
21 Whitstable Town	**25**	**6**	**2**	**17**	**19**	**53**	**-34**	**20**
22 Ashford Town	**24**	**3**	**8**	**13**	**26**	**59**	**-33**	**17**

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

1 Faversham Town	19	15	2	2	53	17	36	47
2 Herne Bay	16	12	1	3	41	23	18	37
3 Erith & Belvedere	19	9	3	7	36	39	-3	30
4 Hythe Town	14	8	4	2	36	11	25	28
5 Beckenham Town	17	8	3	6	31	20	11	27
6 Erith Town	16	8	3	5	33	25	8	27
7 Greenwich Borough	17	7	5	5	32	28	4	26
8 Sevenoaks Town	15	7	3	5	32	29	3	24
9 Deal Town	15	6	4	5	24	27	-3	22
10 Tunbridge Wells	18	5	7	6	30	35	-5	22
11 Sporting Bengal Utd	20	6	4	10	36	57	-21	22
12 Norton Sports	14	5	1	8	16	21	-5	16
13 Holmesdale	16	4	2	10	25	32	-7	14
14 Corinthian	17	3	3	11	20	37	-17	12
15 Fisher	19	3	3	13	24	49	-25	12
16 Lordswood	16	1	6	9	16	36	-20	9

Young Suns chance to shine

Head coach includes large teen contingent for Nottingham trip

BACK ON THE ROAD: Kris Lewis (left) returns for the Sevenoaks Suns' trip to Nottingham Wildcats today
Picture: NICK DUNGAN

HAVING avenged their Sureshot Cup defeat to Haringey Angels a week ago, Sevenoaks Suns ladies return to the scene of that loss this afternoon.

While it was the Suns' under-18 side which contested the final at the Nottingham Wildcats Arena, the majority of that squad have travelled north for this evening's senior fixture as head coach Len Busch spreads the club's resources across two games today.

The under-18 fixture at Eastside Eagles will feature a large number of the Suns' under-16 players as Busch takes his strongest side to Nottingham knowing victory could lift his side to fifth in EBL Division One.

Hectic

Kris Lewis returns for today's game, but Arek Deng's knee injury means she will not travel and will coach the under-18s. In the absence of Lewis, the Suns laboured for long periods before winning 87-58 at London Mets last Saturday, but they ran out of steam for Sunday's game at home to Barking Abbey as the visitors ran out 70-43 winners.

Nottingham Wildcats v Sevenoaks Suns
TIP-OFF 5PM AT NOTTINGHAM WILDCATS ARENA

Five Suns players who played in the Barking defeat had played in the under-18s' 63-43 win against Haringey in the morning and Busch admitted the hectic schedule had proved too much.

"The defeat to Barking Abbey was pretty disappointing," he said. "We really didn't play well and we struggled to shoot the ball all day long. Five of our eight had played in the morning so the only excuse could be tired legs.

"The under-18 game was nice revenge for the cup final. We'd done quite a bit of preparation and we were better prepared than we were for the final.

"We're almost certain to meet [Haringey] in the play-offs and that win has given us a lot more confidence."

Jones focused on cup tie and not bad feeling

Deal Town v Sevenoaks Town
KENT SENIOR TROPHY QUARTER-FINAL
KICK-OFF 3PM AT CHARLES SPORTS GROUND

SEVENOAKS Town play their first game in 11 days today, hoping to finally put their Kent Senior Trophy quarter-final to bed after two weeks of frustration.

Last Saturday's snow in east Kent forced the tie to be postponed, seven days after the original clash was abandoned when Deal's Josh Davidson suffered a double leg fracture.

Joe Minter, whose tackle caused the injury, is available to play today, but manager Simon Jones will leave him out of the squad as a mark of respect to Deal and Davidson.

Jones was left frustrated on Tuesday night as Town's derby game at Tunbridge Wells was called off just 45 minutes before kick-off, because referee Oliver Jackson could not see the pitch markings through the mud at Culverden Stadium.

He said: "Tuesday was just another interruption for us and we just need to get the fixtures played because they're piling up.

"Last weekend's postponement meant that we've got a game on Tuesday against Erith & Belvedere and we're going to get to the point where we're playing three games per week rather than two."

With top scorer Billy Shinners suspended, Joe Creasey will partner Tony Atkins up front today, but Badar Mohamed is cup-tied and John Alegbe is an injury doubt, with Kieran Joseph likely to make the step up from the reserves.

CUP TIE: Sevenoaks travel to Deal today

Deal's Roy Godden and Sevenoaks' Toby Webb were red-carded alongside Minter in the abandoned game two weeks ago, and Jones admits last week's postponement may have had its benefits.

He said: "The extra week off has given people the chance to catch their breath, think about it and we can focus on the football.

"There will still be plenty of passion and emotion because it's the first time we've met since the terrible event."

Oaks have to silence Betteshanger 'banter'

Sevenoaks RFC v Deal & Betteshanger RFC
KICK-OFF 2.15PM AT KNOLE PADDOCK

AFTER a fortnight that has seen their promotion hopes dealt a significant blow by successive defeats in key games, Sevenoaks will attempt to get back on track against Deal & Betteshanger this afternoon.

Traditionally known as one of the more intimidating sides in the county, Deal & Betteshanger have a reputation for enjoying a bit of onfield 'banter' and Sevenoaks coach James Leverington stressed the importance of keeping a cool head.

"It can be hard to maintain your discipline, but just like when we had the massive 5-3 win at their place, we just play the rugby," he said.

"Discipline is easy when you're in control."

The Oaks were made to rue a wretched first-half display at Lewes last week, which saw them trailing 26-8 at the break.

Despite an admirable rally in the second-half, the 29-22 defeat leaves Sevenoaks fourth in the table, five points behind second-placed Hove with seven games left in the season.

"It was definitely a game of two halves and we didn't score enough in the second," Leverington said.

"Lewes outplayed us in the first-half, kept us in our half, kicked well and applied pressure. We were not good enough and although the roles were reversed in the second-half, we just didn't score enough, it was simple."

Pictures: NICK DUNGAN

OFF THE PACE: Sevenoaks promotion hopes have been hit by two successive defeats

Leverington says a return to the team ethos that kept them unbeaten for two months is needed.

"The biggest thing against Lewes is that we played like individuals," he said.

"The nine-game winning streak was due to a team ethic and weekly performance.

"In this league if you play the minor teams as individuals you can get beaten, but it's only a minor hiccup."

Stand-in coach sees much to be pleased with in dogged defeat

By STEVE TERVET

Sidcup RFC v Tunbridge Wells RFC

KICK-OFF 2.30PM AT CRESCENT FARM

TODAY'S trip to Sidcup holds no fear for Tunbridge Wells, who were dogged in defeat to Cobham a week ago and are looking for a scalp this afternoon.

Sidcup sit fourth in London 1 South, seven places above Wells, but the competitive nature of the division has given today's visitors the belief they can return to west Kent with maximum points.

In the absence of head coach Paul Hathaway, who is away on holiday, second XV manager Jim Scully took charge last Saturday and was full of praise for Wells' defensive work against one of the league's heavyweights.

Second row Chris Richards crossed to give Wells an early lead against Cobham, before the hosts responded at the end of the first-half to lead 10-5 at the interval.

The Surrey side finally made their pressure tell in the closing stages of the game, running out 23-8 winners, although Sitiveni Turagaiviu had earlier spurned an opportunity to pull Wells level.

Scully said: "It was a fantastic defensive performance from us – they had the vast majority of possession and they ran at us time and time again.

"We managed to disrupt them and force them into mistakes.

"Cobham were certainly stronger than we would have hoped and probably as strong as they'll be all season.

"Our scrums were going backwards so I had to keep the guys focused on defence while trying to generate as much ball as we could and then use it as quickly as possible."

Having played four consecutive home games, Wells emerged with a record of two wins and two defeats and they remain well clear of the bottom three, but are yet to break into the heart of mid-table.

Sidcup, meanwhile, are unbeaten in their last six games and they overturned leaders Gravesend in January but Scully, who remains in charge for today's game, is confident.

"I don't think the Sidcup game will be a difficult one," he said.

"If we can compete up front and win first-phase possession then we can beat anybody. We've got several players coming back in so we will be able to strengthen the front five.

"We've had a very good run over the last six weeks, we've consolidated our position and we've now got to look at climbing a few places."

Picture: BRUCE ELLIOTT

HEAVY GOING: The Wells stood up against Cobham's strong pack in last week's defeat

Fringe players get chance to shine as TJs keep squad fresh for final push

Tonbridge Juddians RFC v Bromley RFC

KICK-OFF 2.30PM AT THE SLADE

LONDON 2 South East leaders Tonbridge Juddians will partially rotate their squad for this afternoon's visit of Bromley, with one eye on next week's visit of promotion rivals Sevenoaks.

"We are going to change one or two positions to give one or two of our fringe players, who don't normally start, a run out," coach Peter Dankert said.

"We've got a big game coming up the week after against Sevenoaks, but every player in our squad is strong enough to cope."

Bromley pushed TJs hard last season, when both sides were ultimately promoted, but TJs have since pushed on to another level while Bromley have found the demands of London 2 rugby far tougher.

Sitting 10th in the table, Bromley picked up just their third win of the season on Saturday when they enjoyed an emphatic 41-19 victory over Deal & Betteshanger.

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

WINNERS: TJs comfortably defeated Hove

Meanwhile, TJs, the unbeaten leaders of the division, were brushing aside the challenge of second-placed Hove, winning 41-5.

Having been given a major fright when the two sides met earlier in the season, TJs were better prepared this time round and killed the contest before half-time.

The home side went ahead after just four minutes when Peters touched down and Wessels Wolmarans' conversion made it 7-0.

After Hove failed with a drop goal attempt, Toby Carroll scored the second try on 14 minutes and although the conversion was missed, Hove were again off target with a penalty.

On 25 minutes the game was effectively put to bed by Tomasi Biutiviti, who touched down in the corner.

Wolmarans again missed the conversion, but was on target eight minutes later after skipper Neil Meyer scored the fourth try of the half, making it 24-0 at the break.

The second-half was less convincing, but the visitors blundered by repeatedly kicking straight to TJs.

A Wolmarans penalty and tries for Logan Oliver and Jack Browne made it 41-0, before Hove's impressive Seb Eubank scored a superb solo try with the last act of the game.

"We were over the moon, because we'd changed our game plan to give them something a little bit different to deal with," Dankert said.

"When we went down there, they'd watched us on videos and we really did mess up, so we worked on things in training and it worked really well."

Picture: NICK DUNGAN

KICK-START: Cranes could make the top spot

Cranes' confidence is beginning to soar

Beccehamians RFC v Cranbrook RFC

2.15PM KICK-OFF AT SPARROWS DEN

CRANBROOK take a full-strength squad to Beccehamians this afternoon and morale in the camp is soaring after a near perfect set of results last week reignited their Kent 1 title chase.

Cranbrook extended their winning streak to five, with a comfortable 27-12 win over HSBC, while leaders Dartfordians lost at Gillingham Anchorians.

"A window has opened up for the top place," director of rugby Mike Catt said.

"Sittingbourne lost and Dartfordians lost to Anchorians, who we beat comfortably the week before, so maybe they have problems.

"I also think Sheppey will do us a few favours because they've still got to play the top sides.

"We only beat them 3-0 last month and I said at the time they weren't as bad as their league position suggested.

"They're starting to get some good results."

Today's opponents, Beccehamians, are ninth in the table and haven't won since November, although they ran Old Olavians close, 28-29 last week.

In last weekend's comfortable win for the Cranes, Andy Clarke opened the scoring from a set-piece and Rory Gower, Jamie Smith and Pete Bellew all touched down.

Smith also added a penalty and Phil Metcalf kicked two conversions.

"It was a makeshift side because two of players had gone to Italy for the Six Nations and some of our front row were unavailable," Catt said.

"But Andy Clarke played very, very well in the back row and our two youngsters did very well in the front row because HSBC were very strong there. We took our foot off the gas a bit in the second-half, but it was impressive."

RUGBY LEAGUE TABLES

LONDON 1 SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PD	Pts
1 Gravesend	19	17	0	2	475	205	+270	34
2 Dover	18	15	1	2	435	222	+213	31
3 Cobham	19	14	0	5	420	260	+160	28
4 Sidcup	18	11	1	6	397	293	+104	23
5 Chichester	19	11	0	8	360	216	+144	22
6 Old Colfeians	19	10	0	9	399	351	+48	20
7 Wimbledon	19	10	0	9	324	348	-24	20
8 Chobham	19	9	1	9	394	347	+47	19
9 Beckenham	19	8	2	9	319	353	-34	18
10 Thanet Wanderers	18	8	1	9	289	335	-46	17
11 Tunbridge Wells	**18**	**8**	**0**	**10**	**283**	**360**	**-77**	**16**
12 Old Elthamians	18	5	0	13	277	345	-68	10
13 Maidstone	20	1	0	19	190	681	-491	2
14 Aylesford Bulls	19	1	0	18	220	466	-246	0

LONDON 2 SOUTH EAST

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PD	Pts
1 Tonbridge Juddians	**15**	**15**	**0**	**0**	**741**	**113**	**+628**	**30**
2 Hove	15	12	1	2	417	187	+230	25
3 Warlingham	15	10	1	4	451	188	+263	21
4 Sevenoaks	**15**	**10**	**0**	**5**	**398**	**351**	**+47**	**20**
5 Lewes	15	9	1	5	287	287	0	19
6 Old Reigatian	16	7	1	8	346	361	-15	15
7 KCS Old Boys	15	6	1	8	289	449	-160	13
8 Deal & Betteshanger	16	6	0	10	258	330	-72	12
9 Purley John Fisher	16	6	0	10	292	378	-86	12
10 Bromley	16	4	1	11	297	434	-137	9
11 Old Dunstonians	15	4	0	11	197	510	-313	8
12 Eastbourne	15	0	0	15	118	503	-385	0

KENT 1

	P	W	D	L	F	A	PD	Pts
1 Dartfordians	15	14	0	1	422	120	+302	28
2 Cranbrook	**16**	**12**	**0**	**4**	**357**	**199**	**+158**	**24**
3 Guy's Hospital	15	10	0	5	370	259	+111	20
4 Sittingbourne	14	9	1	4	340	214	+126	19
5 Vigo	16	8	1	7	269	236	+33	17
6 Gillingham Anchorians	15	8	0	7	277	241	+36	16
7 Old Olavians	15	6	1	8	237	317	-80	13
8 Ashford	15	5	1	9	221	246	-25	11
9 Beccehamian	13	4	1	8	190	320	-130	9
10 Sheppey	15	4	0	11	222	344	-122	8
11 Erith	15	4	1	10	124	392	-268	7
12 HSBC	16	3	0	13	207	348	-141	6

Larkin frustrated as derby is called off

HAVING played just one game in the last four weeks, Tunbridge Wells were again thwarted in their attempts to return to action on Tuesday night.

With their west Kent derby against Sevenoaks Town just 45 minutes away, referee Oliver Jackson called the game off because he could not see the lines clearly enough through the mud at Culverden Stadium.

Wells manager Martin Larkin, already exasperated by the Kent League's decision to schedule the game in midweek, was left annoyed by the postponement which added a further disruption to an already disjointed season.

"We had the pitch assessed at 4pm and it was fine," he said. "The lines were a little bit faint so when the referee turned up he asked for the lines to be repainted. We did that and he then said he still couldn't see them on certain parts of the pitch.

"I don't blame him because he's a very good referee, he was under a lot of pressure from the assessor, and the minute he raised it with the assessor there was only going to be one outcome."

Beckenham Town v Tunbridge Wells

KICK-OFF 3PM AT EDEN PARK

Larkin expects to name a new striker in his squad for today's trip to Beckenham Town, while Sam Phillips and Steve Ashmore, who were due to complete their two-game bans against Sevenoaks, remain suspended and Brad Draper is one week away from returning to fitness.

Goalkeeper Mikel Czanner would have missed the derby as he was in Slovakia for a funeral, but the stopper will start today.

Wells can climb two places with victory this afternoon.

Larkin said: "It will be a footballing game, Beckenham are exceptional going forward and they've got an amazing pitch so it's important we don't waste it – we have to play well on those kind of pitches."

Wells won 2-0 when the sides met in November, but have lost three of their last four, including a 6-2 mauling at leaders Faversham Town in their last outing.

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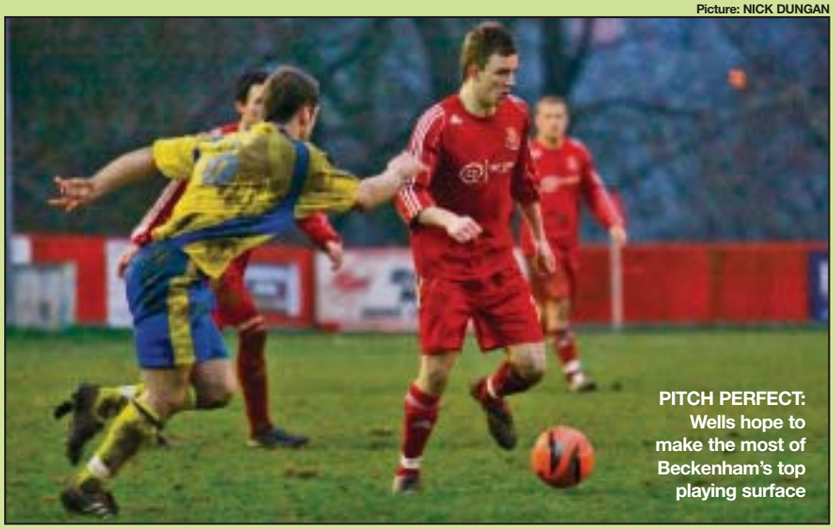

PITCH PERFECT: Wells hope to make the most of Beckenham's top playing surface

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Warrilow makes signing as Edusei leaves

By GLENN PEARSON

Carshalton Athletic v Tonbridge Angels

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FALLING ANGELS GET NEW STRIKER

TONBRIDGE Angels boss Tommy Warrilow was hopeful of having a new forward available for today's crunch relegation clash with Carshalton Athletic.

The Angels are thin on numbers after well publicised budget cuts have seen five players depart, and they have been joined by striker Akwasi Edusei who was released by the club this week.

Warrilow was forced to name Jon Heath and Anthony Storey on the bench in last Saturday's 4-1 defeat at home to Ryman Premier leaders Dartford, knowing both were carrying injuries and were unlikely to play any part in the game.

With the Angels now firmly entrenched in a relegation battle, the board have allowed Warrilow to bring former Dover winger Jerahl Hughes in and gave him the go-ahead to sign a striker before today's trip to Carshalton.

The Angels boss said: "The board have agreed to let me bring two players in, one being Jerahl Hughes, and with what's been going out it was getting ridiculous.

"Saturday underlined how small a squad I have as I had just 12 players to choose from, and Hughes, who I had only met the morning of the game.

"I had a chat with the chairman in the week about the situation and a player was going to have to go out, and as a result, Akwasi Edusei has been released. That means I don't have to release anyone else."

The Angels looked to be on course for a shock win against Dartford last weekend after dominating the first-half and going in at the break a goal up thanks to a Paul Booth strike.

However, the division's runaway leaders hit back clinically in the second-half, scoring four times to add gloss to the scoreline.

With Tuesday night's game at AFC Hornchurch postponed due to a waterlogged pitch, Tonbridge dropped into the bottom four, making this afternoon's clash with fellow strugglers Carshalton all the more vital.

Warrilow will be without the suspended Kirk Watts, but will have Heath and Storey available after overcoming their respective injuries and is looking for a performance from his players.

"What you've got this afternoon is two teams that are around the drop zone, so we have got to go there and show the same effort as we did in the first-half against Dartford," Warrilow said. "We have got to start punishing teams by taking our chances, because at the moment, they're punishing us."

WELCOME RETURN: Tonbridge Angels players Anthony Storey (right) and Jon Heath (far right) will boost Tommy Warrilow's squad after returning from injury as his depleted side face a battle to avoid relegation

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